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The Violence Prevention Program is made available by GCJFCS and the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County. It is an evidence-based program with a history of demonstrated success in Pinellas County.



Mission Statement

To provide essential human services to individuals and families in times of need.

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Violence Prevention

for middle school students

What students say about the program

"I really like this program. It has taught me a lot. The classes teach us about a lot of things we would not learn somewhere else."

~Sixth grade student

"Love this program. I can tell if something is wrong with my friends. If they are depressed, I can try and do something for them. I have learned a lot. Thank you."

~Seventh grade student

"The teacher helps kids who feel bored and who are going to fight. I have learned a lot about controlling my anger."

~Sixth grade student



Building Skills For Success

Research shows important connections between social and emotional skills and academic achievement. The Violence Prevention Program is designed to give your child the tools for a more successful school experience.

An **In-Class Prevention Program** (for all 6th graders) is taught by a trained Prevention Specialist using the nationally recognized skill-based *Second Step* middle school curriculum.

For additional support, **Skill-building Groups** (for 6th - 8th grade) offer specialized tools to increase each child's potential for success. You can enroll your child by calling the Prevention Specialist at your child's middle school.

A full time Prevention Specialist on-site provides:

- Classroom instruction ■ Anger management
- Skill-building groups ■ Crisis intervention

In addition, the Prevention Specialist serves as a resource for any parent needing additional information or assistance with their child.

In-Class Prevention Program

available to
6th grade

Second Step middle school curriculum teaches and reinforces core ethical values that include:

- Fairness
- Compassion
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Self-discipline



Skill-building Groups

available to
6th - 8th grade

Enrolling your child can help them:

- Improve communication with teachers
- Solve problems
- Recognize bullying and learn what to do if they are bullied
- Learn how to control their anger
- Learn how to cope with stress
- Make better choices
- Avoid alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Set goals
- Avoid referrals and out of school suspensions