



The Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

Conference Agenda

Keep Kids in Class: Building Positive School Climates

8:30 AM:	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM:	Welcome by Joan Meschino (Massachusetts Appleseed Center)
9:30 AM:	Keynote Address by Dr. Robert Brooks , <i>The Power of Mindsets: Creating a Positive School Climate</i>
10:30 AM:	Kate Upatham (US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights) presents <i>Federal Guidance on School Discipline</i> ,
11:00 AM:	Daniel J. Losen (UCLA, The Civil Rights Project) presents <i>Federal School Discipline Data</i>
10 Minute Break	
11:30 PM:	Panel Presentation, <i>Building Positive School Climate: Putting Theory into Practice</i> , moderated by Anne Gilligan (Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Burd (Reading Public Schools) • Ricci Hall (Worcester Public Schools) • Joshua Romano (Winchendon Public Schools)
30 Minute Lunch Break	
1:00 PM:	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to Use Data Well and Recognize the Disparate Impact Based on Race, Gender, and Disability</i> by Daniel J. Losen (UCLA, The Civil Rights Project) • <i>Implementing the New School Discipline Law: Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012</i> by Deborah Dorfman (Center for Public Representation) • <i>Not Present, Not Accounted For: Trauma, Learning, and School Discipline; How to Create Buy-in for Change</i> by Jennifer Davis Carey (Worcester Education Collaborative) • <i>Embedding Principles of Culturally Responsive Practice in the Context of Common Core Learning Standards</i> by Dr. Maria Pacheco (New England Equity Assistance Center, Brown University) • <i>Empowering Parents and Families to Advocate for School Change: A Facilitated Discussion</i> by Whitney Taylor and Vira Douangmany Cage (ACLU of Massachusetts)
2:00 PM:	Networking for All Conference Guests

Thank you for joining us!