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Perfect Partners: Advisory Periods + Overcoming Obstacles®

Overcoming Obstacles has worked with New York City Public Schools to plan and implement advisory programs since 1998.

For Middle Schools, the Overcoming Obstacles program helps educators meet the challenges of acclimating new sixth graders, keeping seventh graders focused, and moving eighth graders progressively forward



Advisories promote teamwork, leadership, and group problem solving strategies.

into high school and beyond.

For High Schools, the Overcoming Obstacles program helps educators meet the challenges of introducing 9th graders to the high school learning environment, motivating 10th and 11th graders to set and achieve realistic goals, and preparing 12th graders for college and the workplace.

If you are thinking about implementing an advisory, improving your existing advisory, or would like to know more about how an advisory can benefit your school, Overcoming Obstacles can help. Call us at 212-406-7488.

M.S. 302 Expands Overcoming Obstacles Advisory Program

M.S. 302 in Brooklyn has used a customized Overcoming Obstacles 6th grade advisory since 2005. Based on the extraordinary success of the program, the leadership at M.S. 302 is expanding its advisory into 7th and 8th grade this fall.

The Overcoming Obstacles curriculum team will work closely with M.S. 302 administrators and staff to develop custom curricula with a specific focus on communication skills, time management, prioritizing, conflict resolution, and bullying prevention. All of us at Overcoming Obstacles look forward to working with the dedicated faculty of M.S. 302 in the expansion of the program.

Decision Making Skills Highlighted at Back to School Retreat

The New York City Department of Education's Office for Students in Temporary Housing will host a "Back to School Retreat" for 100 students at Sullivan County Community College in upstate New York.

Overcoming Obstacles staff members will facilitate a Decision Making Institute for all 100 students. In this engaging activity, participants must imagine that they are responsible for starting a new society after a cataclysmic event; students learn and apply steps of decision making and work collaboratively in small groups to solve complex problems. The decision making skills they develop through this activity will provide them with effective strategies for approaching life challenges.

First Charter School on Staten Island to Teach Overcoming Obstacles



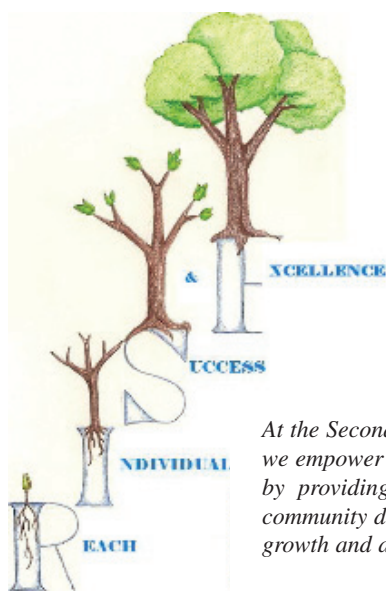
The John W. Lavelle Preparatory Charter School (Lavelle Prep), opening its doors this September, will be the first charter school on Staten Island. Lavelle Prep will start with a 6th grade class of approximately 75 students but will eventually serve 450 students each year in grades 6 through 12 as each class advances to the next grade level. It will provide an arts-focused, college-preparatory education primarily to students living with emotional disorders.

The Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program will be a major component of the school's 6th grade Wellness Curriculum. Focusing on topics such as goal setting, study skills, decision making techniques, and creating positive environments, these skills will help Lavelle Prep students graduate from high school and realize their full potential.

Students on the RISE at The Secondary School for Law

Once known as John Jay High School, the Secondary School for Law is dedicated to preparing tomorrow's leaders in the areas of law and public service and provides a challenging curriculum that includes Law classes to meet this goal.

This year, Overcoming Obstacles has designed a customized advisory program for The Secondary School for Law based on their "Reach Individual Success and Excellence" (R.I.S.E.) philosophy. Through the activity-based lessons of the Overcoming Obstacles curricula, this program will help students develop like skills related to the four R.I.S.E. themes while fostering a supportive classroom community between students and educators.



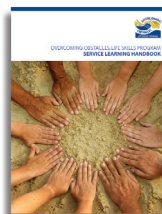
At the Secondary School for Law we empower students to R.I.S.E. by providing a learning community dedicated to personal growth and academic success.

What's New at Overcoming Obstacles?

Service Learning Handbook: guides students and teachers through the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating community service learning projects.

Back-to-School Orientation Handbook: 10 activity-based lessons to help students learn about their classmates, build self-esteem, develop personal management skills, and understand the importance of teamwork.

Available Soon: Nutrition for High Schools Handbook and Study Skills Handbook



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Back-to-School Orientation

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Our Mission: To ensure that all young people learn the communication, decision making, and goal setting skills they need to be successful in life.



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