



About Us

Our Mission

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

About Overcoming Obstacles

Community for Education Foundation developed the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program to help educators teach their students the communication, decision making, and goal setting skills they need to be successful in life. Our program provides educators with the tools to bring explicit life skills instruction to their classrooms.

The Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program covers over 20 important topics, including time management, problem solving, conflict resolution, study skills, and self-respect. Students in the high school program also learn how to select colleges, research scholarship and job opportunities, develop financial responsibility, learn how to present themselves in job interviews, and develop on-the-job skills.

To date, thousands of educators have used the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program to positively impact the lives of millions of students across the country.

■ Curriculum Materials

- The Overcoming Obstacles program has over 180 hours of engaging instruction and is available in both middle school and high school levels. Its modular format gives educators the flexibility to select lessons based on theme, teaching time, student needs, and learning environment.

■ Professional Development

- Community for Education Foundation offers professional development workshops that help educators become familiar with the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program. Since no two schools are alike, workshops are tailored to meet the individual needs and goals of each school partner.

■ Ongoing Support

- Ongoing support includes assistance with implementation planning, creating a pacing plan, and suggestions for tailoring lessons to meet students' needs. Through its ongoing support services, Community for Education Foundation ensures that each school's implementation of the Overcoming Obstacles program grows stronger year after year.

Community for Education Foundation can be reached at (877) 840-9606 or at info@overcomingobstacles.org.

Implementing Overcoming Obstacles

Overcoming Obstacles can be implemented in a variety of courses and modified to fit individual school schedules. Its curriculum materials can be used as a one- or two-semester course, in advisory programs or after-school settings, as part of an anti-bullying initiative, or integrated into core academic classes.

Because the curriculum's topics are organized into standalone modules, educators can tailor the program to meet their students' needs, no matter their struggles, talents, or circumstances. Through Overcoming Obstacles, students who are struggling will improve their time management, goal setting, and study skills, while students who are excelling academically will be able to develop confidence, critical thinking, and leadership skills.

Community for Education Foundation helps schools select the best implementation options for their specific environments through its ongoing support services, available at no cost.

Free Resources Available on Our Website

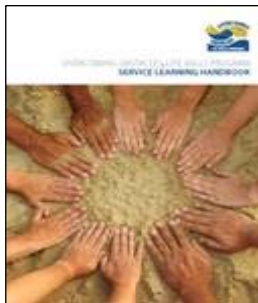
Download the following handbooks for no charge at www.overcomingobstacles.org/resources.php.

Anti-Bullying



The *Overcoming Obstacles Anti-Bullying Handbook: Creating a Positive Environment in the Classroom and Beyond* helps students identify the different forms that bullying takes at school, in their daily lives, and over the internet, and provides realistic strategies for taking a stand against bullying and creating a safe and supportive school community. The handbook contains over 20 hours of instruction on six important topics, including helping victims, dealing with violence, and cyberbullying solutions. Students learn to use core skills such as communication, decision making, and goal setting to address this pervasive issue.

Service Learning



The *Overcoming Obstacles Service Learning Handbook* guides students and teachers through the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating meaningful service learning projects in their communities. It contains a comprehensive teacher's guide, engaging lesson plans, and reproducible activity sheets. The handbook helps create an environment where students learn valuable skills and explore issues affecting their communities.

Back-to-School



The *Overcoming Obstacles Back-to-School Orientation Handbook* contains a collection of activities aimed at helping students learn more about their classmates, build self-esteem, develop personal management skills, and understand the importance of teamwork. The activities are intended for use with a group of students who are just becoming acquainted with each other. Designed for maximum flexibility, these activities require few or no materials.