



## News and Updates

### Say 'Hello' to Our New Website!

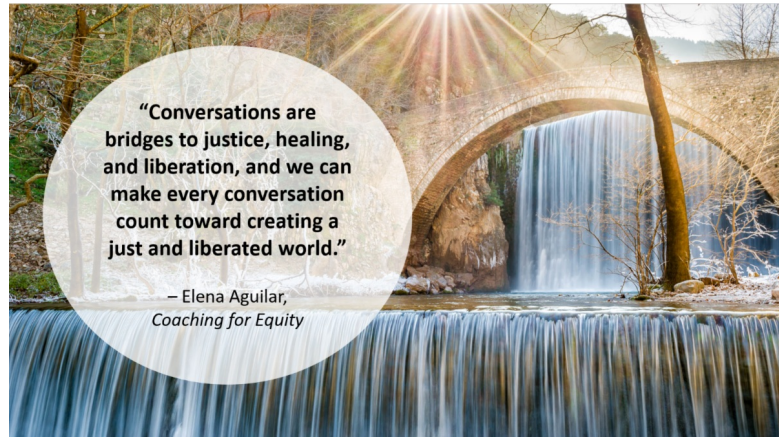
The Safe and Supportive Schools TAC website recently underwent a remodel. Archived webinars hosted by the TAC are still available on-demand, as well as new resources around school climate best practice, including:

[CASL's Equity Connections to SEL Competencies](#)

[Checklist: Building Developmental Relationships during COVID-19](#)

[Three Practical Ways of Leading Restoratively in Schools \(Restorative TCS\)](#)

*Looking for something on a specific topic? Share it with us so we can connect you with the resources to best support your work.*



**“Conversations are bridges to justice, healing, and liberation, and we can make every conversation count toward creating a just and liberated world.”**

– Elena Aguilar,  
*Coaching for Equity*

Thank you to those who attended our first **community of (restorative) practice** meeting! We hope you enjoyed hearing from practitioners across New York State on how they're using Restorative Practices to promote healing, safety, and community among students, staff and families.

We're looking forward to our next meeting on **March 11th, 3-4PM**. Whether you are already implementing, or just starting out, we'd love for you to be a part of this session.

**Have you registered to join us yet?**

[Register Here](#)



### About the Facilitator

Lori DeCarlo is the superintendent of the Randolph Academy, a public school which supports, empowers and educates youth with disabilities. She is a trainer for statewide Restorative Justice training initiatives, serves on the Western NY Regional Youth Justice Team, partnering with Erie County's Commissioner of Probation and funded by NYS Criminal Justice Services, and has presented at many conferences, including those of the National School Boards Association, NYS School Boards Association, and NYS Council of School Superintendents.

## Upcoming Events

**NEW! From the School  
Mental Health Resource and  
Training Center's Family**

**Columbia University,  
Teacher's College is  
holding a free webinar**



## Education Webinar Series

**Uplifting Black Joy: Strategies to Center Wellness, Resilience and Self-Care for Black Youth and Families**

Families

**February 25**, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

From the Training Center:

*"Join us for a conversation with Keturah Proctor, Educator, Regional Equity Facilitator and Black Mom. We will be discussing the importance of uplifting Black joy as a form of resilience and self-care for Black youth and families."*

[Family Education Webinar Series | Mental Health Education in New York State Schools \(mentalhealthdny.org\)](https://www.mentalhealthdny.org)



## series this March

This series, **Mending the Fabric of Democracy: Teaching Civic Readiness**, will be hosted

by a diverse group of educators and experts and will touch on a variety of topics concerning the civic education and engagement of our students. These webinars will be held on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm EST, with the topics listed below.

**March 4** - Developing Media Literacy: Teaching Students to Know Fact from Fiction

**March 11**- Discussing Controversial Issues: When Classrooms are Contentious

**March 18**- Igniting Youth Civic Action: Making a Difference In and Out of School

**March 25** - Call to Action: A Conversation with Leaders and Decision-Makers

[Visit Democracy Ready NY to Register](#)

## NEW Team Training Opportunity from the Consortium on Trauma, Illness, and Grief in Schools

The Consortium on Trauma, Illness, and Grief in Schools is offering a new six-part team training series: *Aligning and Implementing Trauma-Sensitive Practices within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports*. The training includes topics such as: grief/loss, coping with chronic and acute illness, threat assessment, suicide risk assessment and intervention, crisis response, and implementation of tiered supports. Training takes place from April-May. Limited spots available. Click below to learn more.

[2021 TIG Open Enrollment Training Registration \(alchemer.com\)](https://www.alchemer.com)



## What's happening in New York State?

Events below are hosted by organizations located right here in New York. If there is an organization you'd like us to follow for event notifications, please let us know.

### [Understanding Gender | Families Together in NYS \(ftnys.org\)](https://www.ftnys.org)

Families Together in NYS will host a webinar on **March 11 2:00-3:00pm**, facilitated by Lauren McCarthy, LMSW, Pride for Youth. The webinar will explore the topic of gender, including gender roles/norms, identity and expression, recognizing and responding to anti-LGBTQ bias, and allyship.

### [Strategies for Successfully Promoting and Supporting a More Inclusive Society | NYS Community Schools Technical Assistance Centers](#)

NYS Community Schools TAC will host a workshop session on **April 7 1:00-4:00pm** facilitated by Dr. Gary Smith. The workshop will guide participants through a discussion of inclusion, focusing on embracing inclusivity, best practices, monitoring and evaluation of change efforts.

## Quick Reads



## [Rep Us Project](#)

Tufts Tisch College of Education has put together a **Youth Media-Making Toolkit** to help educators engage their students in the digital forum of political engagement and make sure their voices are heard and represented. Lessons guide teenage students to plan, make, and share diverse media about voting and civic engagement, such as short videos, memes, animated GIFs, and more.

## [Moving from Safe Classrooms to Brave Classrooms \(adl.org\)](#)

In this article, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) consider how educators aim to create safe places for students to explore difficult topics and how that can be reframed to make these conversations more meaningful and impactful. By moving from aiming to be safe to endeavoring to be brave.



## **New York Public Library Resources for Educators**

The New York Public Library curates a number of [resources](#) for educators in *Teaching Anti-Racism: Digital Resources About Racism and Resistance*

The following are Spotlight Resources from the list:

- [A Race, Racism, and Revolution Reading List for Educators | The New York Public Library \(nypl.org\)](#)
- [Racial Equity Resources for Educators | The New York Public Library \(nypl.org\)](#)

## **How can we support you?**

For technical assistance or support with school climate improvement or Safe and Supportive Grant Program activities, please [contact us](#).