



Mission

The Respect for All Project seeks to create safe, hate-free schools and communities by giving youth and the adults who guide their development the tools they need to talk openly about diversity in all its forms. The Project offers a comprehensive set of resources for educators and youth-service providers, including **award-winning documentary films, printed curriculum guides** and **professional diversity training**. Respect for All is a program of Women's Educational Media, a nonprofit film production company founded in 1978 that creates and distributes documentary films on social and economic justice issues.

Films

Films in the Project include ***Let's Get Real***, the powerful new documentary where kids speak up about bullying; ***That's a Family!***, a film for kids about family diversity that screened at the White House and is being used in thousands of schools and community organizations nationwide; and ***It's Elementary— Talking About Gay Issues in School***, widely hailed as one of the best films ever made about how to address sensitive issues in education. A final film, ***Straightlaced*** (working title), now in production, explores the pressures teenagers face to conform to traditional gender roles.

Training & Collaboration

The Respect for All Project has spearheaded a collaborative initiative with the **National Education Association, the Afterschool Alliance, the Association of Children's Museums, and the Child Welfare League of America** to reach out to educators, youth-service providers and parents with a powerful message of respect for all. Film screenings and trainings give these groups the resources they need to effectively teach children about diversity. Through this high-profile collaboration, trainings centered around ***That's a Family!*** have been conducted in many cities including Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Greensboro, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Providence, St Paul, and Washington D.C. Extensive school-site trainings using ***Let's Get Real*** have also been conducted

for hundreds of schools and school districts in cities throughout California.

Results

Feedback from educators and youth-service providers about the films and training has been overwhelmingly positive. In an independent research study evaluating the effectiveness of the Project's diversity-training program, 93 percent of participants said they felt better equipped to discuss diversity issues of all kinds with young children. Of those who used the film ***That's a Family!*** with children, 100 percent described the film as a good use of class time, and nearly 90 percent said it prompted "engaged" dialogue among their students. Among teachers who used ***Let's Get Real***, nearly 90 percent said the film increased students' understanding of diversity.

More Information

To book a training, screening or event around any of the films in The Respect For All Project, please email info@respectforall.org or call 800-405-3322. All the films are available for purchase online at www.womedia.org.

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