

Sample Trauma-Informed, Compassionate Classroom

Children spend 6.5 hours each day in their classroom. How can we create an environment that not only ensures physical safety but mental safety and motivation for all students? Walk through our interactive classroom model set up to offer tools and strategies to creating a compassionate and supportive classroom. Classroom model will showcase a Peace Corner, team building ideas, empathy book station, community circle strategies, movement break suggestions, peace library, and ideas for supporting regulation for teachers and students. Workshop trainers will walk participants through areas, showcase activities and answer questions.

Christine Franco is a veteran classroom teacher of 21 years in the Lennox School District. She is a graduate of Cal State Dominguez Hills, with a B.A. in Human Services and a Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. At Lennox Middle School she was the director of the school's peer mediation program and later coordinated L.I.N.C.S, a mentor program for at-risk girls. She has taught mediation skills to teachers as a consultant with the Richstone Counseling Center and trained elementary school teachers as an Olweus Bully Intervention and Character Counts lead teacher. She also is the founder of the "Peace and Achievement Awards" at Buford Elementary School and the co-founder of "The Peace Club" at 156th Street Elementary School. Her lifelong mission is to not only educate students academically but also incorporate peace skills in classroom lessons that enhance student's self-esteem, sense of safety and help reduce stress. To help students with mind-body awareness she teaches the yoga123 program at various LAUSD schools.

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