

## **AACCI Project for prevention of violence and aggression in children and Youth in India**

The recent reports of escalating aggression and violence in children and youth today both in and out of schools today made us realize that it is important for doing preventive interventions in schools, colleges and out of school children and youth .AACCI relished that mammoth task was not possible by one organization alone and hence decided to spearhead a movement involving other stakeholders, associations and NGOs in this project

It was important to come out with some concrete guidelines and action plan .A national

In view of the escalating violence in many cities of India which involves children and youth in various aspects, AACCI decided to spearhead a project that will get together all stakeholders to plan practical interventions which are doable at various levels. This was the brain child of Dr Swati Y Bhave Executive Director AACCI

This meeting was Co-hosted by ISHP -Indian Society of Healthcare Professionals represented by Dr Anuradha Khairnar from Delhi.

In the morning Presentations on the subject were made by renowned psychiatrists: Dr Shekhar Seshadri from NIMHANS, Bangalore, Nimesh Desai IHABS, New Delhi and Dr Jitendra Nagpal, Expressions India New Delhi  
The participants were experts in psychology, doctors from various specialties- pediatricians, adolescent specialists, family physicians, principals, teachers, counselors, legal experts, media experts, social scientists, educationist and parents and representatives from various NGOs.

A unique feature of this meet was that there was participation from school students Std VI-XII from two schools – Basra International School , Dwarka and Venkateshwar International School Dwarka who took active part in the deliberations .There was representation from college students in Delhi also

Group discussions were held under various themes: interventions at parental, school, college, community levels, legal aspects, special situations like rural, tribal and urban slums and specially challenged children.

The groups were led by will be led by experts: Dr Jai Shastri Psychiatrist and Dr Anuradha Sovani from Mumbai University, Prof Katy Gandevia from TISS, Dr Radhakrishnan from RGNIYD, Dr UNB Rao from UVCT Trust, Seema Khanna Media expert ASWHD , Dr Sangeeta Yadav Prof of Pediatrics from MAMC New Delhi, Padmashree Pukhraj Bafna from Chhattisgarh, Adolescent experts like Drs Ashok Gupta from Jaipur, Paula Goel from Mumbai, Anjali Saxena Paediatrician Max hospital and Dr TS Jain medical Director Puspphanjali Cross lay Hospital New Delhi, Dr Swati Joshi Psychiatrist from Pune and Dr Arena Jadish Adolescent expert from Bangalore in addition to the speakers Dr Shekhar Seshadri Nimesh Desai and Dr Jitendra Nagpal, The legal aspects were contributed by Principal

Magistrate Juvenile Justice court Geetanjali Goel

## **MASTER TRAINER AACCI MODULES ‘**

**AACCI has developed 3 training modules for master trainers to conduct programs for creating awareness and capacity building of teachers, students and children to prevent and empower with ability to prevent and cope up with violence. If subjected to it this module have lectures, interactive sessions that include group discussions and case scenarios**

The pictures of the cover page of these modules are on home page of this website

A work shop was held for Orientation of these modules on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug at India International center new Delhi

AACCI faculty lead by Dr Swati Y Bhave explained the way to use these modules in the orientation program... There were over 50 participants who included doctors –pediatricians, adol experts, principals, teachers, counselors, educationists from many parts of the country.

The pilot testing of the students module was done at Blue Bell School Gurgaon on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 on 40 children from VIII- X std and also field tested on nearly 700 students from std I-X at Activity School Mumbai on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 .The principal also organized a day long workshop for 50 parents and 25 teachers where the parent and teacher modules were also field tested.

This program has been highly appreciated by everyone and AACCI faculty has received many invitations to conduct this training program in their schools to train their staff so that they can carry forward this program in their school for many years to come

We are now planning to hold such training programs in various schools all over the country

**Those schools who are interested in holding programs in their schools can contact us at [aacciindia@gmail.com](mailto:aacciindia@gmail.com)**

Details of these events are in the Aug month in the news and event section

*For more photos of this event please see photo gallery*