

Susan Swearer, Ph.D.
Keynote Address



Presentation Title

Bullying and Students with Disabilities

Presentation Description

Research evidence suggests that students with disabilities are overrepresented in bullying/victimization; however, the relationship is complicated. In this keynote address, Dr. Swearer will explore the relationships between observable and “hidden” disabilities, the role of the peer group, the role of adults who work with students, and the role of school climate on involvement in bullying and/or victimization. Educational practices including, inclusion, PBiS, social-emotional learning, and least restrictive environment will be discussed with the goal of supporting the best educational opportunities for all students.

Bio

Dr. Susan M. Swearer is a Professor of School Psychology at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL); Co-Director of the Bullying Research Network (<http://brnet.unl.edu>); Director of the Empowerment Initiative (<http://empowerment.unl.edu>); and Chair of the Research Advisory Board for the Born This Way Foundation.

Dr. Swearer is the co-author of *Bullying Prevention and Intervention: Realistic Strategies for Schools* (2009) and co-editor of the books, *Handbook of Bullying in Schools: An International Perspective* (2010) and *Bullying in North American Schools, 2nd edition* (2011). She was an invited presenter at the White House Bullying Prevention Conference and she was a panel member at Harvard University for the launch of the Born This Way Foundation along with Lady Gaga, Oprah, Deepak Chopra, and Secretary of HHS Kathleen Sebelius. From January 2013-March 2013, Dr. Swearer conducted a research study on the Born Brave Bus, a youth empowerment experience that reached over 20,000 participants.