



# Too Good for Violence

## Delaware County Schools

**D**uring the 2013-2014 school year, 3,402 Delaware County elementary school students participated in the Too Good for Violence program. This included students in kindergarten through second grades from all four public school districts in the county as well as St. Mary's private school. Additional classes were provided for fifth graders from Delaware City Schools and Buckeye Valley Local Schools.

The curriculum focuses on strengthening four social competency areas:

- emotional skills
- social skills
- social behaviors
- inappropriate social behavior

### Program Highlights

Teachers reported statistically significant improvements in all four social competency areas:

- emotional skills
- social skills
- social behaviors
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Teachers reported that students in the program demonstrated significant improvement in each of the four social and emotional competencies. Results are based on pre-post behavioral observation checklists completed by classroom teachers.

Teachers observed the following improvements:

- Improved emotional skills (72.0%) including using "I messages" to share feelings and displaying an "I can do" attitude.
- Improved social skills (64.4%) such as treating others with respect and resolving problems with other students on their own.
- Improved social behaviors (59.6%) including saying "I'm sorry" when appropriate and taking turns, sharing, and playing fair.
- A decrease in inappropriate social behaviors (40.4%). Behaviors included pushing and shoving, teasing and making fun of, or yelling at other students.

Overall, classroom teachers reported 71.2% of students improved in two or more of the four social competencies, and that 54.7% of students improved in three or more.

### Program Satisfaction

Teachers reported high levels of program satisfaction. More than 98% of teachers who received Too Good For Violence in their classrooms reported that the program was a valuable experience for their students and were very satisfied with the program.

### Quotes:

- *The presenter brought the puppets to "life" and kept the children engaged.*
- *This program helps children think about what to do when they feel angry.*
- *It had very kid friendly language and was easy to incorporate into my classroom.*
- *Good mixture of activities—read aloud, hands on, role playing, home connections sheets.*



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