

## Greetings!

I'm Dr. Shileste Overton Morris, director of <u>Center for Schools and Communities</u> (CSC), and I want to take a moment to personally thank you for your commitment to making schools safer and more supportive for all students through the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP).

For more than 20 years, CSC has been honored to serve as a key partner in advancing this internationally recognized, research-based program. It's been a journey grounded in evidence, collaboration, and—most importantly—impact.

Today, I'm thrilled to share that beginning **July 1, 2025**, **Center for Schools and Communities** will become the **sole global provider** of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. This is both a tremendous responsibility and an exciting opportunity.

We've listened to your feedback and are working diligently to strengthen and modernize the program's tools and infrastructure—while staying true to the core components that make OBPP one of the most effective and respected bullying prevention models in the world.

Here are just a few of the improvements underway:

- A newly revised OBPP Guide to enhance clarity and usability.
- A unified website to streamline access to training, resources and support at <a href="https://www.olweusprogram.com">https://www.olweusprogram.com</a>.
- A **redesigned OBQ data system**, including dashboards to help coaches track implementation and outcomes with greater ease and transparency.
- **Updated and redesigned materials and resources** to better support schools in implementing OBPP effectively and consistently.

We recognize that some of these improvements are still in development, and we sincerely appreciate your patience as we continue this important work. Please bear with us as the redesign process moves forward—our goal is to support your work with the highest quality resources that are effective, accessible, and grounded in best practices.

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information and training for using the new OBPP website and portal.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team. **Leah Galkowski (Igalkowski@csc.csiu.org)** will be your primary point of contact and is ready to support you every step of the way.

We are so grateful for your continued partnership in this important work. Together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and valued.

Thank you—and we look forward to all we'll accomplish together in this next chapter.

Warm regards,

## **Dr. Shileste Overton Morris**

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