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Your support is critical to helping us change attitudes in schools and workplaces.

School staff ask questions... and answer them!



When the Cromwell Center trained school cafeteria staff, they posed questions about interactions with students with disabilities. And guess who provided the answers? Other cafeteria staff! This is how the [Cromwell Method](#) works. The staff had a wealth of personal experience and knowledge to draw from, and the program builds on these insights to change attitudes.

"We are all equal and are all points on this earth. It doesn't matter if people have

Greetings!

Welcome to the Cromwell Center's first email newsletter. Our news will be brief and occasional, and we hope you'll take a few minutes to catch up on what we're accomplishing with your support.

If you'd like information about any of our training programs, please reply to this e-mail or call us at 207.775.9955.

Cromwell Trains Educators and Staff in Schools

One of Maine's largest school districts has contracted with us to provide multiple sessions of our [Educators Disabilities Awareness Program](#) to teachers and staff. Ed techs and cafeteria staff from five elementary schools participated in the first session in late September. At least one participant felt she "knew it all" when it came to disabilities, but afterward acknowledged she'd been unaware of her own [attitudes](#) and behaviors when it came to interacting with students with disabilities.

Our Educators Disabilities Awareness Program was also provided earlier this spring and summer for the Harvard Graduate School of Education; site directors at [BELL](#)-Boston, one of the largest inner-city summer programs in the country; and teachers at [Teach for America](#) - Boston. A workshop participant wrote: *"The exercises were particularly effective in helping make common assumptions about disability more explicit and testing those assumptions, encouraging recognition about the way that disabilities are viewed."*

We Offer Workplace Disabilities Awareness Training

Nearly 20% of all employees--from the storeroom to the executive suite--have some kind of disability. Our [Workplace Disabilities Awareness Program](#) helps create an environment where all employees are treated with respect and are valued for their contributions. Call Donna Richard at 207.775.9955 to discuss a customized program for your workplace.

2010 Event Honors Bill Ryan, Brings in New Sponsors

In June over 50 [individual and corporate sponsors](#) and close to 300 guests turned out to honor Bill Ryan as Cromwell Center's Person of the Year and

disabilities. Sometimes people with disabilities can do amazing things, more amazing than people without!"
- A 4th grade student

raise funds for the Center. They dined and bid on silent and live auction items, bringing in upwards of \$100,000 for the Center's operation and programs.



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