



# Dr. Susan Limber

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## “Challenges in Bullying Prevention Policy and Practice”

In recent years, bullying has been recognized as a substantial and preventable public health problem. Thus, attention to bullying prevention has increased dramatically among researchers, educators, members of the media, state legislators, and the Federal Government. Since 1999, state legislatures have enacted or amended scores of bills on bullying and all but one state has adopted a law to address school bullying. Unfortunately, some elements of these laws run counter to best practices and little is known about their implementation or effects. In this talk, I will highlight challenges posed by current laws and policies and provide recommendations for policies and practice.

Susan Limber, PhD., MLS, is the Dan Olweus Distinguished Professor at the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University. She is a developmental psychologist (PhD, University of Nebraska-Lincoln) who also holds a Masters of Legal Studies. Dr. Limber's research and writing have focused on youth participation, children's rights, and legal and psychological issues related to bullying among children. Since 2001, she has provided consultation to bullying prevention efforts supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services). She oversees dissemination of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the United States. Dr. Limber has published numerous articles and chapters on the topic of bullying and co-authored the book, *Cyberbullying: Bullying in the Digital Age*. She is the recipient of a number of awards for her work, including the Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest, awarded by the American Psychological Association (APA); the Distinguished Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Service Psychology, awarded by the APA's Division of Psychologists in Public Service; and the Nicholas Hobbs Award, given by the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (APA Division 37). She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.



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