

## **Michelle Gwinn Nutter**

Michelle Nutter, a Pennsylvania-certified teacher, is the Safe and Supportive Schools Manager for the Center for Safe Schools. Prior to joining the Safe Schools Team in 2005, she was a civil rights investigator with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. During her 10 years with that office, she worked extensively with schools, communities and law enforcement departments to raise awareness and provide effective interventions related to organized hate groups and hate crimes, school-based harassment, bullying prevention, racial tension, prejudice reduction, diversity, gangs, terrorism awareness and First Amendment issues. In addition to her other duties with the Center for Safe Schools, Nutter is the Pennsylvania coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Equity Center, one of 10 regional equity assistance center funded by the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. She is a certified Olweus Bullying Prevention Program trainer and provides bullying prevention training and consultation services to Pennsylvania schools and communities. Nutter is also a certified Partners Against Hate trainer and assists schools in the prevention of and effective response to bias-related tension incidents. Additionally, she is a certified Terrorism Awareness and Prevention trainer.

Nutter received her bachelor's degree in English education from Messiah College and holds over fifty FEMA certificates relative to emergency preparedness and disaster response. She holds a psychological first aid certificate from the American Red Cross. She is a graduate of the National Institute Against Hate Crimes and Terrorism, a collaborative training effort between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance. She also graduated from the Anti-Defamation League's Advanced Training School course on Extremist and Terrorist Threats and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizen's Academy.