



Starting BAM! Groups in Your Community

Make your case for BAM! Groups

Examine local data to illustrate that there is a need. You may want to look at graduation rates, academic benchmarks, special education representation and school discipline referrals by gender.

Download the PowerPoint presentation (on the resource page of www.bamgroups.com) to illustrate boys' relational challenges that may lead to their disengagement.

Speak to others about BAM! Groups

Download "How BAM! Groups Work" from our website's Guidebook page.

Let people know that BAM! groups introduce school-aged boys to new perspectives on what it means to be male and helps them build the relational skills they need to become healthy men.

BAM! groups provide boys with a chance for to experience a sense of belonging to school and a group of their peers. BAM! groups can help boys be more connected. Participation in BAM! groups helps boys to increase their leadership ability, may lead to a reduction of teasing behavior, and ultimately contributes to boys' overall success.

Respond to the need for data that supports BAM! Groups

We have a great deal of valuable qualitative outcome data. View the talking cards video on the resource page of our website for a compelling look at the impact of BAM! groups. We are gathering quantitative BAM! group outcome data and will make that information public when available.

In addition, the BAM! Guidebook adheres to the Safe and Drug Free Schools Principles of Effectiveness in that it 1) is based on a needs assessment 2) utilizes developed performance measures 3) is grounded in scientific research and 4) contains a component for program evaluation.

Find Partners

Talk to PTA associations, school counselors, girls advocate groups, faith organizations, after school groups, and boys and girls clubs to help build a coalition in your community to support boys.

Consider sending someone from your community to a full day BAM! group leader workshop or, better yet, host us in your community to train local BAM! group leaders.