



A Bystander Leadership

Approach to Safer Schools

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What is Team LEAD?

Team LEAD is a bystander leadership group formatted as an extra-curricular club which meets, preferably, during the school day. Team LEAD promotes leadership, empathy, accountability, and open discussion.

Middle schools are an ideal setting for the Team LEAD approach. The discussion group/open forum format is enticing to young teens, and the leadership skills promoted prepare students for high school and beyond. In addition, the Team LEAD program provides the structure and training which can extend into formal peer mentoring within the middle school itself or between middle school and elementary students.

Goals of Team Lead:

- To challenge the upperclassmen in the school to model and support positive social relationships and behaviors
- To create noticeable climate change within the school
- To be a catalyst for immediate change
- To drive a systemic anti-bullying/leadership program internally through the kids themselves with adult support
- To create the framework for peer mentoring
- To provide a student-led peer aggression forum in schools
- To create an inclusive student leadership group
- To build student resilience in the face of inevitable adversity