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#### **Needs Statement**

# Lack of bullying

awareness.

- Behaviors:
- Physical bullying
- Verbal bullying
- Relational bullying

#### **Consequences:**

- Emotionally
- Mentally
- Physically



#### Albert Bandura's Theory.

**Observational Imitating Modeling** 

- Influencers provide behavior that is observed and imitated.
- The foundation of a child who is bullying others.

# Girl Scouts of

#### California's Central

#### Coast



- Project was presented via zoom.
- Powerpoint with activities
- Middle schoolers between ages of 11-14
- 2 day lesson plan

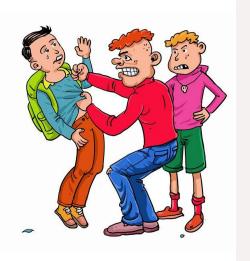
#### **Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Create one definition for bullying.
- 2. Indicate two negative characteristics of bullying.
- 3. Indicate two ways to prevent bullying as a bystander.

#### 3 Simple Rules For Everyone

- Be kind and respect your peers
- Be kind to yourself
- Respect your environment





- My definition of bullying
- Examples of physical, verbal, and relational effects
- Activity: sharing their bullying definition
- Ended with signs that someone is being bullied from a bystanders perspective

#### **Characteristics the Bullies**

- Any age, gender, and race
- Poorly in school
- Get into fights
- Consume alcohol or drugs at young age



- Be abusive
- Criminal records
- Males bully both genders. Females bully females

#### **How Can You Help?**

- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- If you witness it, tell an adult or teacher.
- Be a victims friend.

- Create rules for a safe and comfortable environment
- Encourage others to be kind and the best they can be
- Spread awareness

- Second activity was to have them indicate two negative characteristics of bullying.
- Links to other resources
- Finish off the lesson, played Kahoot

#### Resources

Jared's Story: <a href="http://www.jaredstory.com">http://www.jaredstory.com</a>

Stomp Out Bullying: <a href="https://www.stompoutbullying.org">https://www.stompoutbullying.org</a>

Teens Against Bullying: <a href="https://pacerteensagainstbullying.org">https://pacerteensagainstbullying.org</a>

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: <a href="https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org">https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org</a>

Get Help Now: <a href="https://www.stopbullving.gov/resources/get-help-now">https://www.stopbullving.gov/resources/get-help-now</a>



#### Results

#### Responses to what bullying means to them.

- Putting people down for things they like to do on their free time
- People taking jabs at you for insecurities
- Making a person sad
- Something they can't forget that will stay in their mind forever
- Friends will start bullying because the other person is bullying them as well
- The bully treats others disrespectfully.

#### Results

#### Responses indicating one characteristic of bullying.

- 7th grade is the grade that gets bullied the most.
- That boys bully all genders and girls bully girls.
- That middle school is the most bullying.
- I learned that the grade i'm in (7th) is the highest for bullying.
- I learned that there might be something personal happening at home for the bully.

#### Results

Which of these scenarios would you consider bullying as a bystander?

classmate getting made fun of because their clothes look old

all of the above



your friends telling you about a rumor they heard about someone else Percentage correct to the Kahoot

questions.

Percent correct

58%

Question 1

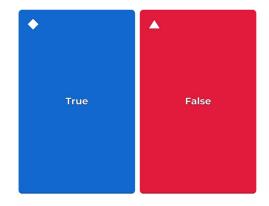
Question 2 100%

Question 3 75%

Question 4 91%

Question 5 75%

Witnessing bullying and not telling an adult immediately makes you a bystander?



#### **Discussion**

My project was successful.

- Engagement was done throughout the presentation
- Three learning outcomes were met
- Give personal and examples as bystanders
- More time and in person



Thank you.

**Questions?** 

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