



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM · EIGHT SESSIONS

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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### THE PROBLEM

No young man is expelled for one thing. He is written up, then written up again, then suspended, then placed somewhere else, then he stops coming. Every step begins in the same moment: he is corrected or embarrassed in front of people, and he answers it.

Six in ten secondary students are suspended or expelled at least once. Among those disciplined eleven or more times, roughly half enter the juvenile justice system and only 40 percent graduate. Suspension rates vary widely between schools serving similar students — which means this is a property of what happens in the room, not of the young men.

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### WHAT THE PROGRAM IS

Eight discussion-based sessions for a small group of young men, adapted from The Standard and built to change what happens in that moment. Sessions run 45 to 60 minutes and are facilitated by approved host-organization staff.

#### SESSION SEQUENCE

**Influence → Reaction → Emotional Control → Discipline → School  
Engagement → Purpose → Mentorship → Belonging**

#### WHAT WE AIM TO MOVE

**Office discipline referrals · Out-of-school suspension days · Alternative  
placement referrals · Unexcused absences · Course failures · Participant  
pulse, pre and post**

*These already exist in your student information system. No new data collection. The comparison is the term before against the term during.*

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### THE EXCHANGE

#### YOU PROVIDE

A group of young men, a room, and a staff facilitator · Your normal youth-safety and permission procedures · The discipline and attendance data you already keep

#### YOU RECEIVE

Facilitator guide and eight participant worksheets · Pre- and post-program measure · Implementation support · A written summary of your own results

#### PROGRAM COST

**No program fee for selected partner organizations. Your staff facilitates, so the capability stays with you after the eight weeks end.**

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