‘IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING’ ANTI-BULLYING THEATER PROGRAM AT BEAUFORT HIGH SCHOOL

Summary
The goal of “If You See Something, Say Something” is to give students the courage to stand up against and report bullying.

This program was started in 2013 in order to give students a voice to fight against bullying. The show is titled “When You See Something, Say Something,” and it has 4 components to it: 1. It identifies and explains the 4 types of bullying, 2. It demonstrates what a victim feels like when they are being bullied, 3. It explains why bystanders are so afraid to do something and encourages them to help, and 4. It gives the students tools to handle a situation of seeing someone being bullied or if they are bullied. Basically we lay everything out. We are honest with our demonstration.

We have 2 shows, one for Middle and High School and one for elementary schools. We have toured both. We have had a great year. We performed for all 5th and 6th graders in our district, Hilton Head High School, The Boys and Girls Club. Our biggest Highlight this year was performing for Governor Nikki Haley and we received a Resolution. She was deeply touched by our performance and has agreed to do an opening video for our show next year. We also performed at The Rotary Peace Convention in Baltimore MD for over 300 Rotarian’s, Interact Members, and Roteract Members.

We do not charge for our show. I would love to share what we do with other districts. I would like to see other districts take ownership of this problem and solve it in house instead of hiring a motivational speaker for $6000.00 to come in and speak to the students.

Students learn best by seeing and doing and that is what they are doing in our show.

Demographics
- Target Settings: Urban, rural, suburban
- Target Groups Served: Grades 5-12 and 1-4. We have 2 shows with the same name.
- Districts Served: Beaufort; plans for expansion

Research and Evaluation
What national or other research was considered during the development of this program/initiative? Describe the evidence that shows the program/initiative works.

In preparing for this program we used information from McGruff the Crime dog (http://www.mcgruff.org/) and www.StopBullying.gov. We used these to site for bullying information. In our show we demonstrate the 4 types of bullying, what bullying can do to a victim, explain why bystanders need to speak up, and what do you do when you are bullied or see someone being bullied.

Evaluation: The BIG problems with bullying is kids are afraid to report it, they are afraid to stand up for themselves and others, and we still have adults who feel that talking about bullying is taboo.
There are 3 ways to really show that the play is working: 1) people start reporting it; 2) students know what to do when they see it or if it happens to them; 3) requests for the show. This means they are talking about it!

This is our second year doing this production and according to our Chief of Student Services, Dr. Greg McCord since we have been performing our show the reporting has increased. We have a 1-800 number for people to call and since last year the amount of reporting has doubled.

Also, in my school, Beaufort High School the students who are involved in the show have become student leaders to help fight against bullying.

This show has the same message but is presented a little differently each year. The way we evaluate the show is through audience feedback.

**Resources**
- **Annual Cost**: $5,000
- **Funding Sources**: The Rotary of the Lowcountry, BHS Theater Guild, Beaufort County School District Student Services, Students and Parents
- **Staffing Needs**: Our biggest needs are to have money to hire someone to professionally film our show in order to share what we do with other districts, to pay for a bus to travel, and to pay for professional days in order to share this idea with other districts. Our school district is cutting budgets, and we are still getting requests for the show.
- **Infrastructure/Equipment Needs**: Having a way to pay for our bus and filming.
- **Partner Organizations**: The Rotary of the Lowcountry

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