



Recommended
for:
Girls, grades 6-9

Girl chat presents a clear picture of girl bullying and reveals its devastating consequences. The program highlights the role that bystanders play in bullying situations — both as positive and negative influences. The performance is designed to encourage healthy dialogue about friendships and prevent a form of violence that is insidious and damaging to school climate and everyone involved. The play is based on the highly successful Doin' the Right Thing!

Major learning points

- Identify types of abuse
- Discuss the important role that bystanders play in prevention and in establishing healthy cultural norms
- Establish empathy for targets
- Encourage responsibility for actions
- Discuss how to help targets and bullies

About the play

Girl Chat explores the relationships of three adolescent girls who play the roles of bully, target and bystander. We watch them as they navigate the complexities of friendship. Rachel needs to choose between her childhood friend, Beth and her new friendship with Tina. Tina is the “Queen Bee” of the middle school and knows exactly who to pick on. She zeros in on Beth and launches into a campaign of verbal and emotional abuse by taunting her about her weight and setting up cyber-slams to publicly humiliate her. As tensions escalate, Rachel needs to make a choice about what kind of person she wants to be. .

Post Performance:

The interactive after-show discussion features the trained actors/educators who reinforce the educational points in the play and facilitate a question and answer period.

Additional Information:

Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options for students, parents and school/organization staff. The workshops are fun and engaging and can be tailored to your community. The *Girl Chat* script is also available through our Limited Performance Rights and Artist in Residence program.

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