

# PeaceBuilders Program Implementation



## case study – beyond school

### City of Burbank A PeaceBuilders City

#### Problem:

In 2000, the City of Burbank, Calif., Mayor's Youth Task Force was formed after the murder of a local high school student. The Task Force's goal was to identify and address youth violence issues and gaps and to select a program to help children not just at school, but beyond school and into their daily activities.

#### Solution:

The Mayor's Youth Task Force selected PeaceBuilders because it could be easily incorporated into the existing curriculum and routine of schools and beyond school organizations in the city. Declaring themselves a PeaceBuilders City, Burbank's adults and children were trained by PeaceBuilders professionals at schools, after-school programs run by the city, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and the library. Burbank Police Student Resource Officers were also trained. Utilizing the PeaceBuilders common language and practicing the six principles, children, staff and parents communicate more effectively.

#### Results:

Teri Stein, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation at the City of Burbank, says that the PeaceBuilders training has had a significant impact on their young leaders. Being close in age to the children they serve, the leaders greatly influence them through modeling the principles. Quantitatively, Burbank now has more peaceful schools and programs. By investing —school sites and beyond school organizations, the compound impact is felt community wide and touches the children, staff, administrators, parents, and civic leaders.

#### results:

- Peer modeling promotes positive behavior.
- City-wide commitment yields common language for all.
- Marked increase in peaceful campuses and after-school programs.
- Significantly improved communication skills.

*"PeaceBuilders easily integrates into each organization's existing program. It provides guidelines and materials to incorporate common sense principles into children's lives."*

#### About PeaceBuilders:

PeaceBuilders is the science-based, research-validated character education and violence prevention youth program approved for the federally funded Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act. It is a culture/curriculum hybrid program that shifts the entire climate to a peaceful, productive and safe place for children, parents and the community. Our experienced corporate team manages the PeaceBuilders program to work seamlessly with any organization seeking peaceful solutions.

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