



Brothers Against Discrimination: Empowering Young Men with Disabilities

What is B.A.D.?

Brothers Against Discrimination (B.A.D.) is a mentoring program for young men with disabilities. Through both group and one-to-one match relationships, each mentee participant will have the opportunity to develop the skills of self-empowerment and to promote personal achievement and self-identity within a community of other men with disabilities. B.A.D. mentee participants will be mentored by leaders in the community. B.A.D. activities include community groups as well as a two-day overnight retreat in June.

Who are B.A.D. Mentees?

Any young man with a disability between the ages of 14 and 23 is encouraged to participate in this program. Mentees can best be described as young men who are enthusiastic about making progress towards their life-goals, and are interested in being a part of a state wide network of empowered men with disabilities.

Who are the Mentors?

Mentors are strong men with disabilities who are committed to helping mentees grow and feel empowered. Mentors are able to share their life experiences and be a source of support for mentees. All mentors go through a review process that includes an application and an interview, as well as a required criminal background check.

Is everyone matched one-to-one?

We are committed to creating a strong community of men that everyone involved can connect with. If within that community we find a one-to-one mentor that will truly be beneficial to you, we can help you foster that relationship. Even if you are not directly matched you will still get the true mentoring experience, by attending the overnight retreat and/or attending community groups you are part of an amazing community full of strong mentors to learn from.

If we find the right mentor for you, your mentorship relationship will begin at the retreat **June 27th- 28th at Bridgewater State University** or as soon as you have been matched! If matched, each month mentors and mentees are expected to connect monthly.

What is the overnight retreat?

B.A.D. participants have the opportunity to take part in a free two-day overnight retreat. At the retreat you will have the opportunity to hear from a dynamic group of men with disabilities as well as build relationships with the other mentees and mentors in the program. There will also be a community luncheon with the participants of the female mentorship program as well as Career Exploration volunteers. The retreat will take place **June 27th-28th at Bridgewater State University**. Accommodations such as PCA and transportation needs for the overnight retreat will be provided as needed.

Why participate?

Being part of B.A.D. means you are part of a growing community of men just like you! Having a mentor will give you the opportunity to connect one on one with a man who can help you grow as an empowered man!

2020 Male Mentee Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State MA Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender identity: _____

Disability: _____

Current School/Transition Program

Grade or year in college: _____

Planned Graduation Date: _____

What form of transportation do you use to get around? (Paratransit i.e. The Ride, public transportation, self-drive, others drive you? Etc.) _____

Please describe any reasonable accommodations you may need (if applicable):

What is your preferred method of communication?

Phone

Email

Text messaging

Facebook Messenger

What are some of your life goals? List 2-3 goals. (You may want to consider: career goals, independent living goals, social goals)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mentee Commitment: (Mentees initial the two statements below)

- Mentees are expected to be respectful and open to new ideas, and to other members of this network of men with disabilities. Mentor and mentee participants are all volunteers. We expect mentees to respect the time that everyone gives to ensure a beneficial mentoring relationship.
- Mentees and mentors who are matched are provided with opportunities to connect monthly from the first month they are matched till it's conclusion in June 2021 as individual schedules allow – each match pair may also choose to meetup, call, email, or video chat on a regular basis to stay connected.
- _____ I understand that if matched the program involves communicating with my mentor monthly until June 2021.

T-shirt size (one size only)

Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

Application Submission

Please submit your application by May 8th to Patrick Remy:

Email: Premy@eastersealsma.org
Fax: 508-831-9768

Mailing: Male Mentoring Program
Easterseals Massachusetts
484 Main St. 6th Floor
Worcester, MA 01608

Any questions about the program or the application process, you can email Patrick Remy, Youth Services Coordinator at premy@eastersealsma.org or call 508-751-6417

- I certify that all of the information I provided on this application is true.
- I give Easterseals permission to share information on my application with staff, and collaborating agencies, working on Thrive.
- I give my permission for the applicant, if selected, to participate in Brothers Against Discrimination 2020

Signature of mentee Applicant Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

**To be considered for the 2020 retreat,
please complete this application and return by
May 8th, 2020**