



Brothers Against Discrimination: Empowering Young Men with Disabilities

What is B.A.D.?

Brothers Against Discrimination (B.A.D.) is a mentoring program for men with disabilities. Through both group and one-to-one match relationships, each 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. activities include community groups as well as a two-day overnight retreat in June.

Who should be a B.A.D. Mentor?

B.A.D. mentors are men with disabilities are genuinely interested in helping youth and young men with disabilities succeed in reaching their goals and who are enthusiastic about creating a community of other men with disabilities. Men who are resourceful, and will inspire mentees to advocate for themselves to improve their life outcomes will help ensure this program's success. B.A.D. aims to instill skills necessary for success as an adult in the areas of employment, education, self-confidence, and interpersonal relationships.

Is everyone matched one-to-one?

No, we are committed to creating a strong community of men that everyone involved can connect with. If you would like to be matched, and within that community we find a mentee where a one-to-one match will truly be beneficial to them, we can help you foster that relationship. **If you would prefer to not be directly matched** or we do not find the right match, you will still get the true B.A.D. experience. By attending the overnight retreat and/or attending community groups you are part of an amazing community full of strong men.

What are the expectations for one-to-one Mentors?

If you are opened to being matched, and we find the right mentee for you, your mentoring 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 for at least one calendar year.

What is the overnight retreat?

B.A.D. participants have the opportunity to take part in a two-day overnight retreat. At the retreat you will hear from a dynamic group of men with disabilities as well as build relationships with others 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. Participation in the program is free.

I have attended the overnight retreat before, can I still participate?

With limited space for the overnight retreat, the opportunity will first be offered to those who have not attended in the past. If you would like to attend you are still **strongly encouraged to apply**. Available spaces will be offered to past participants. You are always welcome to participate in any community groups that happen throughout the year.

2020 Male Mentor Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender identity _____

Disability _____

Do you currently attend school? Yes No

University/College _____

Major: _____

Do you work Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Do you own a car or use public transportation? _____

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

What is your preferred method of communication?

Phone Email Text messaging Facebook Messenger

Are you willing to submit to federal and state background checks? Yes no

Briefly explain why you want to participate as a mentor:

In your opinion, what challenges / areas of life are most concerning for a young man with a disability today?

References (do not list relatives)

Name	Address	Occupation	Phone #
1.			
2.			

Please select one:

I am open to being matched one-to one:

- I understand that if matched the mentor program involves communicating with my mentee monthly for one calendar year from being matched.
- I understand that I will be required to attend the June 27th – 28th overnight retreat in Bridgewater, MA.

At this time, I would prefer to not be matched one-to-one with a mentee, but would still like to attend the retreat

T-shirt size (one size only)

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

Application Submission

For the 2020 retreat, you **MUST** submit your application by to Patrick Remy:

Email: Premy@eastersealsma.org

Fax: 508-831-9768

Mailing: Male Mentoring Program

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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 understand that Easterseals will thoroughly investigate my work and personal history and verify all data given on this application, on related papers, and in interviews, including reference checks. As a prospective MENTOR, I understand that a criminal record check will be conducted for conviction and pending criminal case information only and that it will not necessarily disqualify me. I authorize all individuals, schools, and forms named therein, except my current employer if so noted, to provide any information about me, and I release them from all liability for damage in providing this information.

Signature of Mentor Applicant

Date

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