

Implementation Guidelines – Teen Outreach Program (TOP)

Implementation Factors	Recommended	Possible Adaptations
Program characteristics	25 lessons plus service learning components (20 hours) - Promotes the positive development of adolescents through curriculum-guided, interactive group discussions; positive adult guidance and support; and community service learning. - Three program levels - TOP Club meets weekly	TOP is a licensed program through Wyman Center. A Spanish language edition is available. http://teenoutreachprogram.com ACT for Youth created a licensed statewide network and offers training and technical assistance for participating providers
Educator Requirements	Educators should have experience working with groups of youth, skilled in developing rapport with youth Certified training of facilitators is required. Ratio: 1 facilitator to 25 youth (max)	ACT for Youth provides annual trainings of facilitators.
Target audience	Designed for high risk youth Middle and High School students: 6 – 12 grade	The program can be delivered with 11 year olds.
Group composition	Clubs: max 25 youth - Mixed gender or same gender groups	
Setting	Program can be delivered in school or afterschool settings, and in community settings the service learning component	
Delivery Timeframe	9 months (32 weeks) One school year	Duration of program can be modified if participating youth experience at minimum 25 sessions and 20 hours of community service learning. Modifications have to be approved by Wyman.