



Fact Sheet: TNT DramaMatters Afterschool

GOAL: To capitalize on young people's love of drama by increasing their appreciation of this art form and building their self confidence, spark creativity and boosting academic achievement.

WHY: Whether you start a drama program to expose your Club members to drama, to focus on building new skills, as a tool to recruit new Club members or because young people at your Club are interested in drama, TNT DramaMatters Afterschool will challenge and support you and your Club members as you expand your horizons together through drama.

WHO: Boys & Girls Club members ages 6 to 18

WHAT: The comprehensive **TNT DramaMatters Afterschool Program Guide** contains two components to help Clubs develop and implement their own unique drama program in accord with the interests of the youth they serve and their available resources, no matter how limited. The **implementation section** provides everything Club staff members need to know about planning, funding, supplying and staffing their Club's program and securing suitable space. Inspirational case studies show how other Clubs have developed drama programs and give tips for conducting drama activities effectively. The implementation guide also contains useful worksheets and templates, a sample press release, a sample grant funding proposal and other resources for starting, promoting and building their programs.

The **facilitator's section** contains step-by-step sessions that Clubs can conduct in their drama programs. At each of three skill levels – beginner, intermediate and advanced – the guide contains six drama activities. Activities in the three levels were designed with the age groups of 6 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13 to 18 in mind. Facilitators choose which activities to use based on skill level, making adjustments for age-appropriateness as needed, for example, if they conduct beginner activities with teens or advanced activities with young Club members.

TNT DramaMatters Afterschool: Lessons in Stagecraft, which teaches advanced participants in drama about set design, set building, stage lighting, costumes, stage make-up and directing, is available on www.bgca.net. Lessons in Stagecraft teaches Club members to express themselves creatively, from costumes to set design to directing.

WEB SITE: www.bgca.net; click on: 1) Programs; 2) The Arts

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