PEAR:
Social Emotional Development Curricula Webinar

The Clover Groups!

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We partner with schools and programs to substantially increase social-emotional skills and resilience in the service of academic and life success.
WHY SMALL GROUPS CURRICULUM MATTER
In a meta-analysis of educational research over the last 50 years, Wang and colleagues revealed that social and emotional variables have the greatest influence on learning, including student’s meta-cognitive processes (e.g., planning), pro-social behaviors, effort and perseverance, and classroom management and climate.


Out of 148,189 sixth to twelfth graders, only 29%–45% of surveyed students reported that they had social competencies such as empathy, decision making, and conflict resolution skills…

Only 29% indicated that their school provided a caring, encouraging environment.

(Taylor, Rebecca D., et al., 2017).
WHY CHOOSE PEAR?

• Preventative
• Targeted
• Focused on Relationships

• Strengths-Based
• Flexible
• The Current Social/Political Climate
“I think schools should facilitate groups because they are a great way to develop young people by tapping into their strengths. The strengths-based approach, in a group setting, has been really effective for our students, and we can't imagine running our program without incorporating these groups into our daily structure.”

~Boston Collegiate Charter School~
THE CLOVER MODEL THEORY OF DEVELOPMENT

Assertiveness

Belonging

Active Engagement

Reflection

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CLOVER GROUPS:
Social Emotional Development Curricula

**Group Size:** Small group counseling, enrichment or advisory

**Ages:** 10-15 years old

**Number of Sessions:** 12

**Length of Session:** 50-60 minutes

**Facilitators:** 1 - 2
ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

Aligned Clover Group: 
Ready, Set, Action
Ready, Set, Action helps youth learn:

- To become more reflective
- To control their impulses
- Necessary skills to develop healthy relationships
Ready, Set, Action engages youth kinesthetically, and each activity can be facilitated to help youth:

- feel part of a caring community
- Practice teamwork & perseverance
- Develop more self-awareness
“Through games and action-oriented activities, students improved their ability to negotiate with one another, listen to other perspectives, work as a team to accomplish a shared goal, and self-reflect on what went well and areas of challenge.”

~Concord Middle School~
READY, SET, ACTION: Let’s hear from the audience!

What were some of your favorite childhood games?
ASSERTIVENESS

Aligned Clover Group: Photo Justice
Photo Justice provides a forum where:

- Young people’s passion and opinions can be channeled into a positive form of expression
- Participants’ strengths of assertiveness are fostered
- Both individual and collective voice are encouraged
Photo Justice uses photography to:

- Help bridge participants’ sense of unfairness from an individual level to one where it becomes part of a dialogue with a group
- Practice perspective taking
- Provide a form of expression
“We loved facilitating the Photo Justice curriculum. Our kids took ownership of their projects, and it was amazing to see their passion come through as they advocated for issues they cared about. We weren’t expecting so much insight at their age!”

~Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley~
PHOTO JUSTICE: Let’s hear from the audience!

#Thatsnotfair
Belonging

Aligned Clover Group: StrongLinks
StrongLinks is ideal for youth who:

✔ have a strong focus on social connection

✔ Experience challenges with self-expression in social contexts

✔ Are prone to following the group despite individual beliefs or opinions
StrongLinks uses discussion & inquiry to help youth:

- Connect with one another
- Practice ways to safely assert individuality and voice
- Analyze the impact of positive and negative relationships and social pressures
We’ve used Strong Links with smaller groups of students in both our After School and Summer program for several years. This summer, recognizing we needed a very intentional and substantive space for social connection, our team led Strong Links sessions for all 150 students in the program. We started each day with Strong Links and students were engaged, thoughtful, and enthusiastic. They loved having a space to talk about topical issues like gender identity, healthy peer relationships, and navigating negative social pressures online. Our end of summer survey data was overwhelmingly positive – students loved connecting with their group and appreciated getting space to have “real” conversations.

~Breakthrough Greater Boston~
Let’s hear from the audience!

What characteristics of yourself are you proud of?
REFLECTION

Aligned Clover Group: Our Stories
Our Stories is ideal for youth who:

✓ Have a strength in reflection and critical thinking

✓ Experience challenges with expressing their thoughts and ideas

✓ Have a tendency for overthinking and perfectionism
Our Stories uses identity exploration & storytelling to:

- Build on a youth’s existing strengths in reflection
- Encourage new ways of expression & sharing
- Help them develop confidence in their abilities and potential
“In summer 2021 our organization began to implement a new social-emotional learning program. Our first set of the curriculum we used from PEAR was Our Stories. The members at each site gave great feedback about the activities. The instructors implementing the program said the lessons of Our Stories kept our members engaged and brought a different level of fun while still educating the members on social-emotional learning. We look forward to continuing our partnership.”

~Boys and Girls Club of Martin County~
OUR STORIES:
Let’s hear from the audience!

Name a person, place, thing, or experience that has had an impact on who you are today!
WANT TO FACILITATE ALL FOUR?

Purchase the Combined Clover Groups Package!

51 Sessions for a yearlong Clover Group experience for youth!

Scope & Sequence

- Community Building & Connection
- Advocacy & Collaboration
- Reflection & Meaning Making
What’s the Difference?

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WHAT YOUR SCHOOL/PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE

• Clover Groups Training
• Digital access to the curriculum for one user for one year
• Two check-in calls throughout the 12 sessions
• An online survey for youth to take at the end of the group to measure growth
• Access to the Clover Groups Client Portal
• PEAR also offers additional support for facilitators through optional coaching
For More Information:
https://www.pearinc.org/contact

Which services are you interested in?

- Social Emotional Assessment Tools (e.g. Holistic Student Assessment)
- STEM Assessment Tools (e.g. Common Instrument Suite Student & Educator Surveys)
- Dimensions of Success (DoS)
- Trainings and Workshops
  - Clover Groups
- Evaluations
- Other
THANK YOU!

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