WE MEET YOUTH WHERE THEY ARE

The Becoming A Man (BAM) program empowers young men to develop the social and emotional skills needed to thrive.

DURING THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR, BAM SERVED 456 STUDENTS ACROSS 8 SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES.

96% of students report that BAM has helped them identify ways to improve their performance in school.

93% of students had fewer suspensions after enrolling in BAM.

96% of students felt like BAM helped them make better decisions.

90% of students believe BAM will help them graduate.

“IT WAS NICE HAVING SOMEONE THROUGH BAM. IT WAS COOL TO HAVE THAT MALE FIGURE THERE FOR ME TO HELP ME WORK THROUGH THINGS I WASN’T SURE ABOUT.”
—BAM STUDENT

STUDENT STORY

Malyq Clark needed to pick up a credit in PE to graduate in June 2023, and last summer, while running drills on the track, he met BAM Youth Specialist, Erik Morales. Erik had been newly assigned to Santee High School in downtown LA and he thought running drills with the students during the summer would be a great way to get to know them and recruit more boys for the BAM program.

Malyq felt that “BAM gave me confidence and helped me feel better about myself and what I could do, someone to talk to at school, to have a connection to, someone I could ask the questions I can’t ask my mom because I don’t have a father figure, so it was like, those were the questions I could ask Erik.” Malyq is now a student at Notre Dame College in Ohio in the Emergency Management and Policy Studies program on a full scholarship. Upon graduation, he plans to return to LA and join the Los Angeles Fire Department with an eye towards a position in Management.