

# Let's start something™

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio

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## STAND 2 BULLYING

**Bullying Hurts Everyone. ABSOLUTELY!** The old school yard saying, "Sticks & Stones May Break My Bones, but **WORDS Can Never Hurt Me!**," has **NO VALIDITY** in the real world. At **Bowsher High** in Toledo, **Workforce Investment Act** students, are learning job-skills, how to create a resume, file their taxes, and fine-tune their leadership and presentation skills. In other words, they are getting a jump-start on succeeding in the "World of Work". **Bowsher's WIA Program** is supervised by **Alicia Russell ~ BBBS of NW Ohio's WIA consultant.**

"In the beginning of our time together", says Russell, "the students had taken sides". In fact, one half of the class ~ was bullying the other half of the class. . . Needless to say, this had to change!" To get the teens undivided attention, Russell came up with the idea of getting the students, to plan/produce/and perform in a skit THEY'D created about bullying. You can access **Bowsher's "Bullying Skit"** on the **Big Brother Big Sisters of NW Ohio** website at: [www.bbbsnwo.org](http://www.bbbsnwo.org)

How did **Bowsher's WIA** playwrights and actors do? **GREAT!** Each student also signed an Anti-Bullying Contract agreeing to join together with their classmates to condemn and "STOP BULLYING" in their homes, schools and community.

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## Bowsher High Schoolers Tackle the "World of Work" & Bullying



**WIA students (with *BBBS* Pres. I Johnny Mickler, Sr. at Bowsher H.S.) are Ready 4 The "Real World" of Work!**

*"I've learned a lot from **Big Brothers Big Sisters**. I like how we get to work in groups & get to know each other. I don't like how people talk about or interrupt others".*

- La 'Shawna Jackson |15 |10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*"I like this program because it teaches me job skills and how to act on a real job ~ when I get a "REAL JOB".*

- Katelin Nino |16 |10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*"I like how this program keeps me busy and out of the house. What I dislike is all the arguing and talking loudly in this class.*

**Here's what I've learned, so far: How to Work With People, How to Get a Job, How to Do a Resume, How to File Taxes & How to actually Plan Skits".**

- Savannah Parker |14 |9<sup>th</sup> Grade

*"What I like about **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program** is that I get to meet new people and learn job skills that I don't know about. I like that **Alicia (Russell)**, our **WIA Consultant** helps us out if we're doing something wrong. **BBBS actually CARES! There's a lot to learn, BEFORE we can even think about getting a job**".*

- Timira Robinson |16| 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*"One thing that I like about this program is the environment. One thing I don't like are the petty arguments, people acting like and arguing like some little KID. **One thing I've learned is: Don't Drop Out of School !!**".*

- Brian Steward |17 |11<sup>th</sup> Grade

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