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Amie Dean, M.ED., B.A. has worked in education since 1993. She has experience teaching at all levels, and has taught both special and general education. She was with Fulton County Schools (GA) for ten years, where she provided support to teachers and students as the Student Support/RTI Coordinator for her middle school for four of those years. Amie holds a Master's degree in Education, is Nationally Board Certified as an Exceptional Needs Specialist, and has trained with Dr. Rick DuFour, Dr. Kay Burke, Dr. Spencer Kagan, Dr. Ruby Payne, and many others.

Amie Dean was also certified as a trainer for The World of Difference Institute with the ADL and studied Restorative Circles which helped hone her practice in coaching students and educators with problem solving, communication, and peacekeeping skills. With decades of experience as an educator and a professional consultant, she now provides support to others through training, speaking, and writing. Amie is also the author of many books, including *Because You Believe in Me, Your Happy Heart, There's No Dream Too Tall, 30-Minute Groups: Peaceful Conflict Resolution, 30-Minute Groups: Social Drama and Friendship Skills, and 15-Minute Focus: Behavior Interventions: Strategies for Educators, Counselors, and Parents* and accompanying Workbook.

A BRIEF LOOK AT AMIE'S SESSIONS

Behavior Interventions That Work

Do you have a plan for what you will do when a student doesn't comply with your request the first time? Second time? How about the third time? Do you go home tired and exhausted from frustration? This presentation will guide you in developing a thorough, preventative plan for handling issues from low level distractions to serious/chronic behaviors. This is a practical, hands-on presentation filled with concrete steps you can use the next day to help students and yourself.

Motivating Challenging Students

Like many of you, I have had classes, and often students, which led me to think, "How will I make it this year?" I have spent my career as a classroom teacher searching for and learning which strategies work with students. My only criteria: positive and practical! This session is designed for teachers who believe that every student has a gift to offer the world. We have to find ways to help them realize it.

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Social/Emotional Literacy in the Classroom

Do your teachers have strategies for building respectful learning communities in their classrooms? How can they help students feel the 3 C's - Connected, Capable, and Contributing without giving up too much instructional time? In this session, participants will be introduced to two methods that are proven to build positive classroom communities - Responsive Classroom and Tribes.

Creating Trauma-Sensitive Classrooms

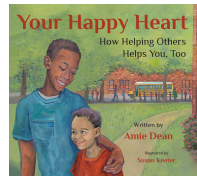
In today's classrooms, more and more students are living in or recovering from trauma and chronic stress. Many educators feel overwhelmed and unprepared to deal with the behaviors that are a result of these situations children are facing. This session will provide participants with concrete strategies that can be implemented in classrooms to support students by building relationships, trust, and teaching coping strategies.

BY AMIE DEAN

Your Happy Heart

How Helping Others Helps You, Too

When fifth grader Javon meets kindergartner Richard for the first time, Richard won't talk to Javon or even look at him. Javon realizes that Richard reminds him a lot of himself at that age. Javon learns that helping someone find their happiness makes your own heart happy, too.



There's No Dream Too Tall

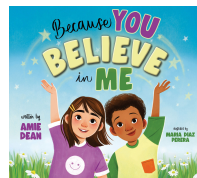
Instead of adults advising children as to what they could—or should—be when they grow up, *There's No Dream Too Tall* offers a different approach. Kids are given the freedom to decide for themselves.

By showing kids that their different strengths can help them become who they want to be, we give them the power and permission to dream.



Because You Believe in Me

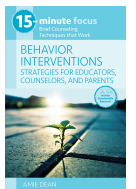
This heartwarming picture book explores the power of encouragement in a child's life. Join a classroom of kids as they share the voices that lift them up on tough days. From supportive caregivers and teachers to helpful friends and coaches, these everyday heroes inspire children to face challenges, embrace mistakes, and celebrate their unique journeys.



15-Minute Focus: Behavior Interventions

Strategies for Educators, Counselors, and Parents

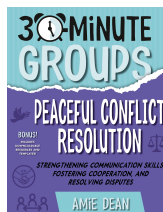
In this book, Dean gives educators, counselors, and parents knowledge, strategies, and resources to teach children and teens how to communicate and make decisions to get their needs met in positive ways through behavior instruction and coaching.



30-Minute Groups: Peaceful Conflict Resolution

Strengthening Communication Skills, Fostering Cooperation, and Resolving Disputes

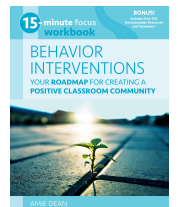
Topics include understanding conflict, active listening, finding calm, the apology process, setting boundaries, peacekeeping in action, and more. The lessons and questions in this thoughtfully crafted resource are designed to help students understand and manage their emotions, learn calming techniques, and develop tools they can use to effectively communicate and resolve conflicts in healthy ways.



15-Minute Focus: Behavior Interventions Workbook

Your Roadmap for Building a Positive Classroom Community

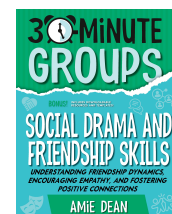
Wish you had a roadmap for building a positive classroom community and preventing behavior challenges? Amie Dean created this workbook to help with just that - organizing and planning your first weeks of the year to establish a positive classroom community while also providing tools to support and nurture your community all year long. Full of activities and solutions, this workbook will aid you in supporting students in their development of life skills, peer relations, conflict resolution, and self-regulation skills.



30-Minute Groups: Social Drama and Friendship Skills

Understanding Friendship Dynamics, Encouraging Empathy, and Fostering Positive Connections

Topics include recognizing the traits of a true friend, identifying what drives social drama, managing emotions and self-control, using respectful communication to reduce conflict, recognizing healthy vs. unhealthy friendship patterns, practicing empathy, navigating digital drama, building self-worth and confidence, fostering positive connections, and setting limits while staying kind. The lessons and activities in this thoughtfully crafted resource are designed to help students understand what fuels social drama, develop skills to de-escalate conflict, and make intentional choices about the friendships they build and protect.



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