





Benefits of the Good Behavior Game

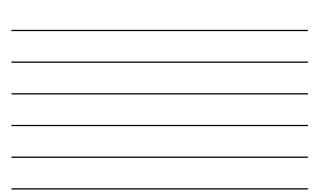
- O Less off-task and aggressive behavior
- O Teachers able to spend more time on instruction
- O Students less likely to need behavioral services
- O Students less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol
- **O** Students have lower suicide and depression rates
- o not compete with instructional time
- Ø Seamlessly integrates into the school day

Strong Evidence Base

- Tested with 1st and 2nd grade classrooms in Baltimore City, MD beginning in 1985-1986
- Implemented in 41 classrooms in 19 elementary schools with two groups of first graders
- Experts followed up with students in these classrooms periodically to study the immediate, mid- and long-term effects







Further Support

- The Good Behavior Game has been implemented in settings which included a significant population of ethnic/racial minorities as well as populations from urban areas in the U.S. and abroad. In the Baltimore trial, 65% of the sample identified as African American and 31% who identified as White. GBG has been most effective for boys with higher levels of aggressive, disruptive behavior.
- ${\cal O}\,$ If you would like more information on the studies and benefits of the GBG, visit goodbehaviorgame.air.org

Why are models important?

- Different models of disability imply different intervention approaches
- O The model we prescribe to affects our thinking and the way we approach problems in the classroom

Medical Model

- O "The disabled person is the problem; the child is faulty"
- O Diagnosis-Cure
- O "The power to change a disabled person lies within a medical or associated professional"
- O The impairment is the focus
- O "They need to be adapted to fit into the world as it is"

Ecological Model

Ø Broader view of the "problem"

 $\ensuremath{\mathcal{O}}$ Individual characteristics are attributed to the joint effect of personal traits and environment

- O Child is viewed through the context of his/her environment
- ⊘ Teacher and parents have power to change child behavior
- ⊘ The environment is changed



