

Evaluations- Outstanding, Great and Good -- the answers below were directed towards three questions--

- 1.- *What did you like best about the program?*
2. *What will you tell others about BenD. Anderson's presentation?*
3. *Anything else you would like to share?*

School Counselor-"The speaker was relatable, and told personal stories to keep the students interested.--I attended the speaker with the 7-12th grades, and the information was very age appropriate.--the kids seemed to enjoy the speaker very much, and were talking about it after." Great (Castlewood) 10/23/12

Teacher-"Mr. Anderson felt the pain of being bullied so can relate to the students well. There is a fine line between bullying and teasing." Great (Castlewood) 10/23/12

Educational professional-"His life story..overcame a lot of trials in his life to become successful.--Very good message.. I would say the older students (6-12) would benefit more. Good - Harding county schools (Buffalo, SD) 10/3/12

Principal-- "the open forum-Student participation/interaction was very high. Meaningful message for kids. Great job-Super message" Outstanding. Lincoln Elementary-Watertown Susan Patrick principal 10/19/12

Teacher--"I liked that Ben did the entire program. The kids didn't understand what he was saying at first but then quickly began to understand him. His strength and perseverance and what that showed myself and the kids. Thank you for coming! Your presentation helped me to see another side of some of our students." Outstanding. Creekside Elementary, Spearfish, SD 10/10/12

Teacher- "Authentic- Funny-- Good comments from my students. Creekside Elementary 10/10/12

Teacher-"I appreciated his candid approach. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to see disabilities only limit us as far as we allow them to. Thank you so much. I loved the opportunity for my students. Outstanding. 10/10/12

Teacher-"Ben's message that we all need to get along. It was a good experience for students to get to interact with a disabled adult. Ben was very difficult to understand because of his difficulty in pronouncing words." 1 Great 2 Good Creekside Elementary

Educational professional- " Ben spoke from his heart and from experience. Great presenter on disabilities and bullies. Sometimes he is hard to understand. However, the students understood his message. When the students couldn't understand what he said, they wanted to know what he said, so they were interested!" 2 Outstanding 1 Great Creekside Elementary.

Teacher- " The openness of the topic and Ben's ability to share his story. A question/answer time was great! He's an inspiration." 3 Outstanding Creekside Elementary.

Educational professional-"It hurts more to be bullied than to have a disability. You own your disability. Bullying hurts your heart. Super/Helps kids understand disabilities.

Thanks for coming." Great
Jefferson Elementary (Watertown) Laura 10/18/12

Teacher- "Ben's friendly disposition. Great message, true to life stories. Ben gave the kids and adult a great message with an opportunity to keep the discussion going."
Outstanding Roosevelt (Watertown)

Educational professional-"Positive disposition-Kids loved their time to share stories with Ben. Practical- Applicable life stories" Great Roosevelt elementary school (Watertown, SD)

Teacher- "His honesty with the kids and questions they asked. His sense of humor with the kids and their dress up day for homecoming week. He is an honest man to kids. He made kids promise not be a bully to others. It was nice that he let the kids ask the questions. He got them involved. He should tell the kids how he handled being bullied." Outstanding Lemmon school. 10/2/12

Teacher-"Gave students a chance to hear and see someone who had been bullied talk about their life, even getting bullied as an adult. That his presentation is worth listening to and may help give students a better viewpoint of bullying and how it hurts. When presenting to an elementary school maybe do two different presentations so you can dig deeper into bullying with the older children. Thanks for speaking at our school!"
Lemmon, SD Outstanding 10/2/12

Teacher-"Having a person with an actual disability present and give their story is powerful and kids respond to that! He's a stand up guy with a great message. He's overcome the odds. I think he's got something great to share and hope he continues to speak to our youth! They NEED to hear his message."
Outstanding Lemmon Elementary 10--2-12

Teacher- -"Promise not to bully. It was good exposure for the kids to meet someone with a disability and understand they can do many things." 1 Great 2 Good Iroquois School
10/22/12

Educational professional-"He was able to captivate the audience with his disability, hard to understand but that required them to concentrate. I watched the kids and he had an impact on them. He does a great job getting his point across. He realizes he is hard to understand and repeats the important aspects of his presentation. Ben has a great sense of humor. What a great man for going around and sharing his story. Very inspirational!"- Gettysburg School Outstanding 10/16/12

Teacher- "The honesty and enthusiasm of the presenter. His thought provoking question to the audience. Be ready for a lively, eye-opening presentation that will get the audience reflecting on bullying and disabilities and how no one has the right to treat anyone as a lesser individual. Great- Gettysburg school. 10/16/12

Teacher-parent "The fact Ben has cerebral palsy and is able to speak about his experiences of bullying is awesome. He experienced bullying. He as an inspiration. Even with his disabilities he went on to college and has a degree. He shares his experiences with kids with such enthusiasm (smiley face) Thank you for coming Ben! We enjoyed your talk" 1 Outstanding 1 Great 1 Good Gettysburg Elementary
10/16/12

Teacher-" It was great for our students to meet someone that had been bullied. Makes it more real. It is a challenge to understand everything he says during his presentation, but is great to have students experience." 3 Great Sturgis Elementary 10/10/12

Teacher-" -" That Ben's message was from his own perspective. That our SES students had an incredible opportunity to hear a powerful message from personal experience." Outstanding Sturgis Elementary 10/11/12

Teacher-" His message-personal It was wonderful." Outstanding. Sturgis Elementary 10/11/12

Teacher-"Mr. Anderson related well to students. His message was clear regarding Bully,how it felt to be bullied, and how you have to help Bullies understand. Well worth your time to have him present. During follow-up discussion in classroom students continued to talk about the assembly and asked further questions." Outstanding Sturgis Elementary 10/11/12

Teacher-"He was able to talk to the children in a way that helped them better understand why it is wrong to bully. He was a very interesting man and the kids responded to him well. 1 Outstanding 2 Great Sturgis

Teacher-"Ben is full of enthusiasm and was sgreat with the kids." 2 Outstanding 1 Great. Sturgis Elemenary (Amber McClure) 10/11/12

Teacher-" I like how he connected the kids to disabilities through their families. He has a good message." Outstanding content 2 Good Gettysburg school 10/16/12

Educational professional -"I enjoyed the direct interaction with all of the kids. That is was a great presentation" Outstanding Gettysburg Elementary 10/16/12

Teacher-" Topical and intersting. That he is not your typical presenter . Will take the audience out of their comfort zone and make them think." Outstanding Gettysburg School 10/16/12

Teacher- " How the kids responded and how Ben got them involved. I thought he was funny and the kids liked him. However, I felt like the message of bullying was lacking. Thanks." Great-Good. West Elementary, Spearfish (note this was a K-2nd graders)

Teacher-" The message was awesome. He has overcome many obstacles in his life and he really showed/let the kids know that they can overcome their own obstacles." Outstanding West Elemtary Spearfish 10/11/12

Teacher- " The speaker's honesty about his life. I would recommend Ben to others. Thank you for your willingness to share your life with all of us." Outstanding. Lincoln Elementary (Watertown) 10/19/12

STUDENT- " The audience participation. His story about how he met his wife was touching. He is fun to listen to." Outstanding and 2 Great Onida School, 10/15/12 Steven

Student-" What the speaker did to overcome obstacles. They should come." 1 Great. 2 Good

Mrs. Kelly's Room Agar-Blunt-Onida schools

Teacher-"it shows people with Disabilities can be successful people. He was an inspiration to others. It was kind of hard to understand him.. it might be better to split groups up into smaller groups like k-6, 7-12.
Onida school 10/15/12

Student- "The stories about when he was a kid. That he has been through a lot and really stresses that bullying is very bad. He was a very funny guy." Outstanding Onida schools 10/15/12 Lauren 6th grade.

Educational professional--"bully message/Facebook-ovecoming--being told he has a low IQ. Story of class reunion. Outstanding 1 Great Gettysburg 10-16-12

Teacher-"What the speaker shared about his disability and how it affected him negatively and positively. It helped the children understand disabilities better. Thank and continue to do the great work you are doing"
Outstanding Lincoln School (Watertown) 10/19/12

BHSSC attendee-" How passionate the speaker is about the topics. That he helped to make more aware of how to look for opportunities for the people we support to advance in the community." Great
Black Hills Special Services in Hot Springs, SD 10/4/12

BHSSC attendee D.S.P.-"I liked how he explained about out of sight , out of mind! A wonderful speaker and great advocate for people with disabilities. Thanks Ben D. Anderson God Bless." Hot Springs Black Hills Special Services in-service training workshop

Student at BHSSC workshop in Hot Springs.--" I really enjoyed hearing what Mr. Anderson had to say. He drives a very strong point and I think all people in this casefield should see this presentation. This was very enlightening--.everyone has rights.
Outstanding 10/4/12

Parent-at BHSSC workshop in Hot Springs-"I thought that when Mr. Anderson discussed how as caregiver often we have to think outside the box to provide for our clients and our clients need this is so true and often we forget that they all are able to provide some kind of service to our community. I feel it was very informatitive and I know I have learned more about how we need to include our physically handicap into the community. Thank you, I really enjoyed what Ben Anderson had to say and share"
Outstanding---Hot Springs. 10/4/12

DSPR- Black Hills Special Services-"Learning the different ideas out there. What I learned about different jobs." Outstanding . (Marcie) 10/4/12 Hot Springs BHSSC

DSPR- teacher " Heart felt. Great Speaker" Outstanding. 10/4/12 Hot Springs BHSSC

Parent at BHSSC workshop in Hot Springs-"Everything you gave about the presentations. I would encourage everyone to listen to your presentation. You are very intelligent man. Everyone could learn from your life experieces." Outstanding Hot Springs. 10/4/12

Educational professional-"Ben's advocacy stories. Excellent, motivational, hang on

every word. Outstanding!" Hot Springs, BHSSC workshop 10/4/12

Student- Sturgis School- special lunch with 6 students-"Dear Ben,, Thank you for coming to our school. Thank you for saying your problems. thank you for eating with us. Thank you for helping others." 10/11/12

Student- Sturgis School (another student at the lunch) "Dear Ben, Thank you for coming to our school. It was fun with you here. Thanks for the books. It was fun with you at lunch." 10/11/12