



# Community Starter Guide

Start with a Hi Impact Project Support Circle for broad-based community participation.

<p><b>Hi Impact Project Support Circle</b>  <i>Create a support circle of leaders in schools, in local government and other community organization and in local businesses.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School guidance counselor, principal or other leader to support HIP participation in the school and classrooms</li> <li>• Community leaders (for example, town council) to adopt and promote HIP participation in the community</li> <li>• Local business owners and managers to promote and support HIP participation in their locations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hi Impact School</b>  <i>Share the Hi Impact Project in elementary school classrooms or at a school assembly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Hi Impact Project Presentation or create your own.</li> <li>• Invite students to discuss their positive and negative experiences with peer social interactions in the school and community.</li> <li>• Role play the benefits of saying “hi,” including how it looks and feels compared to avoiding or ignoring a peer.</li> </ul> <p><i>Implement the Hi Impact Project through rotating leaders.</i></p>
<p><b>Hi Impact Community</b>  <i>Request the support of Local Government in adopting the Hi Impact Project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the mission of the Hi Impact Project at a local government meeting.</li> <li>• Let your local leaders know you are working with schools and businesses to implement the Hi Impact Project.</li> <li>• Ask for Local Government to adopt participation by sharing the Hi Impact Project on local social media, hanging posters in the town hall, at the train station, etc. to identify a “Hi Impact Community.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask teachers to create “Hi Impact Leader” a classroom job that rotates with other job assignments. The Hi Impact Leader is the role model for saying “hi” to everyone, everywhere, every time. The Hi Impact Leader can be the morning greeter at the classroom door.</li> <li>• Challenges the adults in the school to serve as role models as well. Suggest that the teachers, guidance counselor and other members of the school community greet students each morning at the school entrances.</li> <li>• Handout HIP stickers and other rewards for regularly demonstrating Hi Impact Project interactions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hi Impact Business</b>  <i>Request the support of Local Businesses in adopting the Hi Impact Project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work through the local Chamber of Commerce to conduct outreach or go door to door with flyers to be posted in local businesses to identify a “Hi Impact Business.”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hi Impact Family</b>  <i>Ask your school to share the Hi Impact Project with parents and guardians.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage the families in your community to participate by committing to just say “hi” to one another in town, in the pick-up line, from the front porch and so on.</li> <li>• Provide signs that can be hung on windows at home to identify a “Hi Impact Family” and spread the word.</li> </ul>