Lesson 7

Area: Be Inclusive

Title: We Think/They Think

Objective: Students will be provided insight into the attitudes of the opposite gender.

Materials: Timer/Stopwatch

Activity:
1. Form a circle of chairs in the front of the room.
2. Invite all the girls to sit in the circle and discuss their thoughts and observations about boys and men.
3. Encourage the girls to discuss positive and negative points about boys and men.
4. The boys are to watch and listen, but not comment.
5. After 5 minutes, switch roles (have the boys sit in a circle discussing girls and women and ask the girls to watch and listen.)
6. Disband the circle and have the group discuss how they felt about the comments and what they learned.

Closure: Ask questions about how stereotypes affect our attitudes and treatment of people of the opposite gender.

1. “How do these attitudes affect both men and women?”
2. “How did you feel when you were being discussed and not allowed to reply?”
3. “Will this activity change your future behavior?”