Empowerment Clubs Awareness into Action Activities Advocacy Efforts



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- Advocacy and Leadership
- Students influence school leaders on why it is important to have mental health education for their students

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 Advocacy is the process of taking action to address concerns in your community. Leadership is the process of listening, reflecting, and representing your community. Advocacy and leadership often go hand-in-hand and can be used effectively to accomplish a goal.

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#### Materials

- Erika's Lighthouse website
- Introduction to Erika's Lighthouse Slide Show.
- Slideshow (i.e. PowerPoint, Google Slides)
- Posterboard & markers optional

## Assembly

- 1. Check out <u>Introduction to Erika's Lighthouse</u> <u>Slide Show</u>.
- 2. Work individually or with others to research Erika's Lighthouse educational offerings.

## Application

- Determine who in the school is a decision-maker when it comes to mental health education - This could include a health teacher, social worker, school counselor, and/or administrator such as a principal.
- Set up a meeting with this person.
- Complete the Worksheet prior to your meeting, to make sure you are prepared with all the necessary information.
- Prepare for the meeting by putting together a slideshow, poster and/or notes to share about why you believe it would be beneficial for your school to use Erika's Lighthouse education program.

#### Let us know how the activity goes!

We'd love to hear from you or receive pictures or tag us on social media:









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# **Advocate for Education - Worksheet**

What programs does Erika's Lighthouse offer to schools?

Cost of program(s): Length of program(s): Goals of the program(s):

2.

3.

Why is this program important for your school to use?

What are your three main talking points to get across in your meeting? 1.

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