

Advice from Graduate's Parents

"No matter how much they beg, even though it tears your heart out, make them stay. They are so proud of their accomplishments." 22-1 grandparent

"Find a reliable mentor. Someone who will be there to be extra support." 22-1 parent

"The hardest part of this program was saying goodbye, at drop off, on the phone, family day, and then finally, home visit, but all those goodbyes were worth it the day I watched him walk across the stage with plans for his future and a self confidence that I had only ever dreamed for him." 22-1 parent

"Breathe... the time will fly by and remember your child is there for a reason, be in their corner til the end and always answer their calls and write them letters". 23-1 parent

"Trust the process, don't allow you missing them to take away all the amazing things this program offers." 23-1 parent

"Your child may be very homesick, but remember what they will gain from this experience and encourage them to remember why they wanted to go to BBYCA in the first place. Send lots of letters, post cards and pictures and continuously let them know how proud you are of them! This program is life changing and a positive experience that will change your child's life forever!" 23-1 parent

Trust the process. It will be sad at first, but before you know it, your baby turns into the man you knew he would be. The kids are in the exact place they need to be right now. The staff are specifically designed to help encourage, motivate and transform any situation, so trust them. Remember this isn't permanent, but the outcome will be! When the kids call home begging and crying to come home, do NOT let them. Let the staff know your kid wants to come home and if there are issues so they can address it. My son and step son have created a lifetime bond of brotherhood that is better than ever." 23-1 parent/step parent

"If you're ready for your child to be prepared for the incoming challenges of life, BBYCA is well equipped to complete that mission. We have other children that we want to send to this school when they are old enough to go. So far they are doing ok in school, but the experience and what our older son got there was great and we would love for our other children to participate in achieving the same." 23-1 parent

"The case manager's advice and admonitions to stay in touch and be positive were **INVALUABLE** to both our cadet and us all. Set attainable goals together and check in and **CELEBRATE** each step towards them." 23-1 parent