



Creative Writing for Incarcerated Youth!

Mission

We teach creative writing to youth who are incarcerated to empower their voices and assist in their re-entry into society.

Impact

Fall of 2019:

- 4 Cohorts
- 25+ Student volunteers
- 65+ Residents
- 440+ Direct service hours

Spring of 2020:

- 6 Cohorts
- 56+ Student volunteers
- 76+ Residents
- 630+ Direct service hours

Rationale

- 48,000 youth are incarcerated in the United States.
- 2,100 youth are incarcerated in the state of Ohio.
- "In 2015, African Americans comprised 16% of all youth, but 44% of youth were committed juvenile facilities."**
- "The one-year [recidivism] rate for the educated youth dropped to 6.1% for the 2014 release cohort, while the youth without that educational attainment level had a rate over four times higher."***

Benefits

1. Increases literacy levels and writing disposition.
2. Builds self-esteem and self-awareness.
3. Provides positive peer mentorship.
4. Cultivates young writers into published authors.
5. Advocates for youth who are incarcerated.

Budget

In FY 2020, our annual budget was \$50,000.

Status

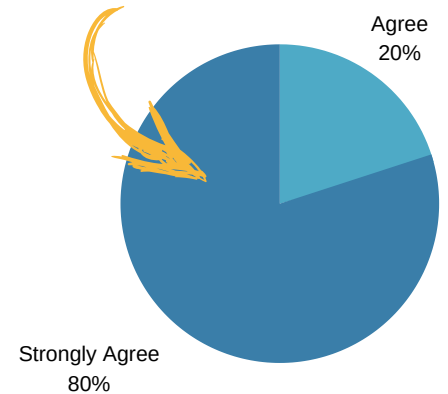
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Support

Volunteer: learn how to get involved at writersnresidence.org/get-involved.

Donate: visit writersnresidence.org/donate for more information.

Creative Writing Workshops Impact Student Volunteers*



“ [Creative writing] frees me from my pain, [this] institution, and myself. It connects me with people who understand. ”

— A Resident from the Cuyahoga Hills JCF

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