

## Arts in Corrections — Participant Survey

Thank you for participating in this program evaluation. Your feedback is very important to us and to those who support the Prison Arts Project. Your answers are confidential and will help us to improve the program. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Thank you.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement for the following statements about the Prison Arts Project and its impact on your life.

**1 = Strongly Agree   2 = Agree   3 = Not Sure   4 = Disagree   5 = Strongly Disagree**  
*(Please circle the appropriate number)*

1. I feel better about myself..... 1 2 3 4 5
2. I look forward to art classes more than any other activity..... 1 2 3 4 5
3. Arts instructors show respect for each student..... 1 2 3 4 5
4. The arts program provides a safe environment for me to explore  
my creativity. .... 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am better able to communicate with others..... 1 2 3 4 5
6. I am less stressed and frustrated when working on my art..... 1 2 3 4 5
7. I am better able to express my emotions..... 1 2 3 4 5
8. I have tried things in the arts program that I never expected..... 1 2 3 4 5
9. Men interact differently inside the arts program than on the yard  
or cell block..... 1 2 3 4 5
10. There is less racial tension in the arts program than on the yard  
or cellblock..... 1 2 3 4 5
11. I enjoy better relationships with other inmates since my  
involvement in the arts program..... 1 2 3 4 5
12. I enjoy better relationships with prison staff since my  
involvement in the arts program..... 1 2 3 4 5
13. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What level of education have you completed?
  - a. 8th Grade or less
  - b. Some High School
  - c. High School graduate
  - d. Some College
  - e. College Graduate

15. How many years have you been incarcerated?

- a. 1 - 5 years
- b. 6 - 10 years
- c. 11 - 15 years
- d. 16+ years

16. You are: **(you may circle more than one)**

- a. African American
- b. Hispanic/Latin American
- c. Asian American/Pacific Islander
- d. Caucasian
- e. Native American
- f. Middle Eastern American

17. Are you serving a life sentence? a. Yes b. No

18. How many 115s did you receive during the six months before you enrolled in the Arts program? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How many 115 have you received over the last six months that you have been enrolled in the arts program? \_\_\_\_\_

20. How would you describe your interactions with others during class. In what ways are they similar or different to other interactions in prison?

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21. Who or what influenced your decision to participate in the art program?

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22. How do you feel when you are in the art space (e.g., class, art studio)? How is it similar or different from other physical spaces in prison?

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23. What change(s) have you made in your life as a result of the arts program?

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24. What, if anything, would you change in the Arts-in-Corrections program?

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**Thank you!**