



Youth At-Risk Projects 2012

Project: Performance Workshops

Partners: CSD Theater, CHS and CV counseling offices

Who we serve: 100 at risk students at CHS and CV

What we do: Visiting artists present one hour workshops for students during the school day. Workshops give students exposure to performing arts while developing self esteem and confidence. Presenters include: Darryl Thomas, performer and dance professor at WO; Dave Chillers, rhythm and drumming; Carol Soth, storytelling; Gina Gambony, Shadow Theatre; and Rhiannon, Finding your Voice: Song and Poetry. January-June 2012

Project: Shadows and Story

Partners: 509j school district, Cheldelin Middle School

Who we serve: 150 at risk students from Cheldelin's 'Cougar Academy'

What we do: Resident artist works with students to develop original performance pieces based on life stories and finding one's voice. Using Shadow Theater, students will illustrate and perform their stories for their school community. February-March 2010

Project: The Hero's Journey

Partners: Carol Soth, Joyce Greiner, Ann Merchant

Who we serve: 100 at risk teens from various facilities including Oak Creek OYA

What we do: Storytellers provide 6 week workshops for participants to explore their own life journeys through the world of myth & story using the Hero's Journey as a guide. Participants will weave their own personal stories into creative activities to gain insight and perspective. *Hero's Journey defined:* Many stories, myths, movies and novels incorporate a narrative structure known as the Hero's Journey. Developed by Joseph Campbell after studying patterns in stories and myths from all over the world, it reflects a universal structure in human myth making and storytelling. National teller, Liz Greene joins us for teacher training. The Hero's Journey culminates in community performance. March-May 2012

Project: Voices of Youth

Partners: Mosaic (Seattle based non-profit headed by author, Michael Meade), CHS administration, BRIDGES Program, 509j school district, Oak Creek OYA

Who we serve: 50 incoming at risk freshman tagged 'least likely to graduate'

What we do: Michael Meade leads youth and their mentors through a 4 day intensive where participants 'find their voice' through creative writing, stories, and music. Teachers receive mentorship training which focuses on working with at risk populations. Extended training will continue in September with district classroom teachers on 509j professional development day. July 2012, September 2012

Project: Bilingual Residencies and art classes

Partners: Lincoln Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School

Who we serve: Students from Title 1 schools that come from low income, primarily Spanish speaking households

What we do: Provide them with free art classes presented in both English and Spanish.
January-June 2012

Project: Muddy Creek Partnership Project

Partners: Muddy Creek Charter School

Who we serve: 90 students

What we do: Help to develop and supplement arts integration curriculum through teacher training and artist residencies. Ongoing.

Project: Oak Creek Residencies

Partners: Oak Creek facility and Oregon Youth Authority

What we do: Provide free artist residencies and workshops to inmates in OYA facility. Ongoing.