

# NRC Evaluation Summary for 2007

In all, Art from Ashes (AfA) results were consistently 10 points higher than the national average of all programs that took part in the NRC's Youth Outcome Network. As an example:

- 89% reported that the environment was "safe and trusting" (national average: 78%)
- 93% reported a "supporting and caring environment" (national average: 77%)
- 88% reported that the staff helped them "feel important" (national average: 70%)
- 86% said that they learned "new things" at Art from Ashes (national average: 70%)

## Arts and Culture

- 84% of youth surveyed think the arts are more important as a result of coming to AfA's workshops at The Spot (national average: 64%)
- 88% said they were better able to express themselves through art (national average: 67%)

## Life Skills

- 93% said they are better at listening to other people (national average: 66%)
- 79% said they make better decisions (national average: 67%)

## Core Values

- 84% said they cared more about other people (national average: 64%)
- 81% said they were better at taking responsibility for their actions (national average: 70%)
- 90% said they were better at standing up for what they believe (national average: 73%)

## Sense of Self

- 88% said they feel better about themselves as a result of attending AfA's workshop at The Spot (national average: 74%)
- 86% said they feel they have more control over things that happen to them (national average: 69%)
- 91% feel they can make more of a difference (national average: 69%)
- 93% said they feel better at handling whatever comes their way (national average: 68%)

## Open-ended Questions

What do you like best about coming to The Spot's Spoken Word?

- Being heard
- The peace, comfort level, fellowship
- I fit in and don't have to act not me
- It's very open and understanding
- The support
- I enjoy it a lot. I love it so much.
- Hearing other people's minds
- I always feel welcome



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