

**Arts-based Mentorship for Positive Youth Development** 

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### WHO WE ARE

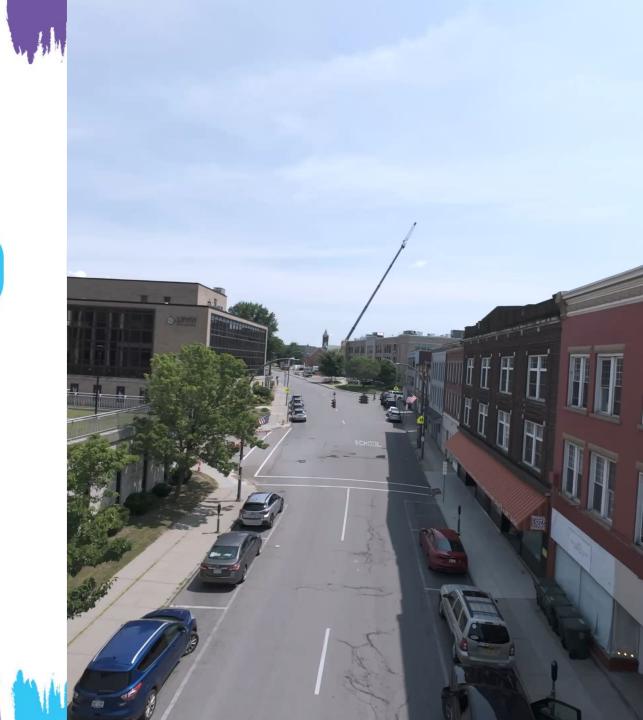
### A creative home for youth to grow, belong, and be heard.

- 27 years serving young people through arts mentorship
- 1,594 students served in our 2024-2025 Program Year
- Every student works with a professional mentor(s)
- Safe, supervised space after school



Take a quick tour of our 14,000sq ft facility in the heart of Downtown Jamestown, New York.

Drone Video Footage
July 2025

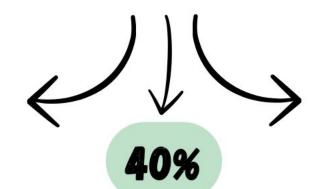


### WHY THIS MATTERS

#### 1 IN 3 STUDENTS

grow up without the support of a mentor

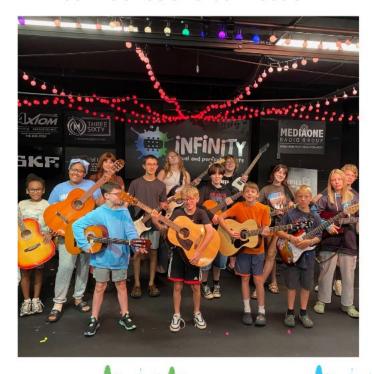




of teenager's waking hours are spent unsupervised

#### **ARTS EDUCATION**

creates healthy coping skills, confidence and connection



#### TALENT-SHOWCASING OPPORTUNITIES

CREATE A YOUTH-LED ADVISORY GROUP

MORE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

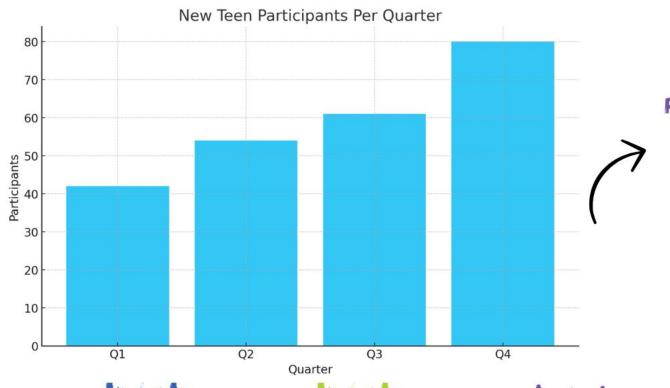
OUR DCJS GRANT FOCUS

INCREASE ACCESS TO ADULT MENTORS

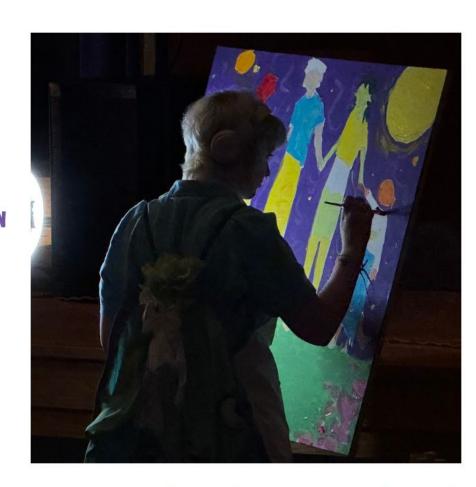
BUILDING PEER RELATIONSHIPS

### STUDENT REACH

### 91 UNDUPLICATED TEENS ENGAGED WITH DCJS FUNDING OVER ALL FOUR QUARTERS



PARTICIPATION
INCREASED
EVERY
QUARTER





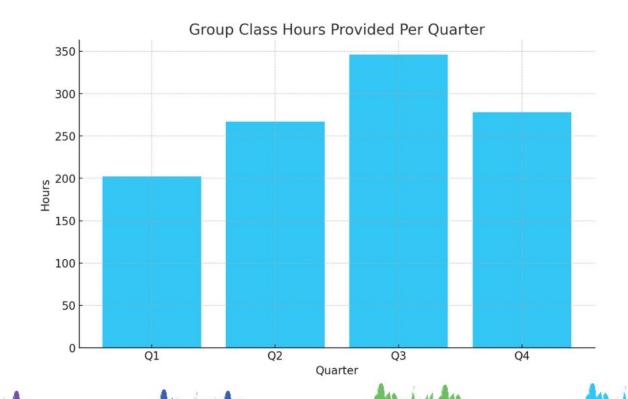






### WHAT THEY DID

#### MORE THAN 1,000 HOURS OF LEARNING TOGETHER!



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAUNCHED

6 MEETINGS, 20-25 TEEN ADVISORS

#### Their ideas lead to new summer workshops:

- Mural Painting class
- Chalk Art outdoor class series
- Choreography intensives
- Teen-Only, Peer Performance Events

# STUDENTS HELPED DESIGN THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES!



### CONFIDENCE

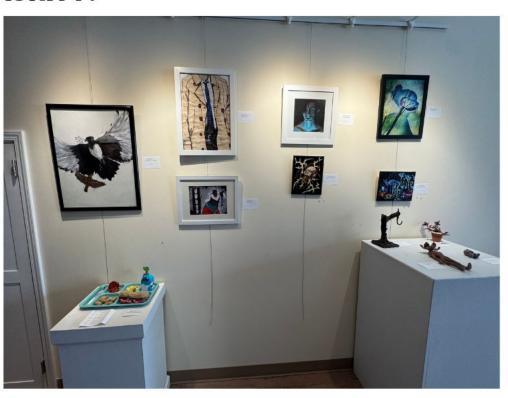
#### ON STAGE AND IN THE COMMUNITY!

Nearly 100 total performers: **Spring Showcase**91 teen performers across **15 live on-site events Student Art Show** with 60+ works **Community block party**, 20 student performers

(≈1,000 attendees)

Our students stepped into the spotlight!





## "PART OF THE REASON I FOUND MY LOVE FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN IS BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE KIDS I'VE WORKED WITH AND HELPED DURING MY TIME AT INFINITY."

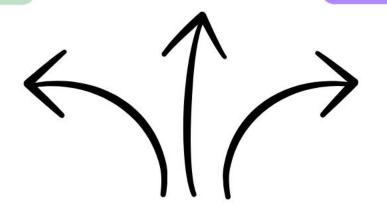
~Aly D

"THERE ARE SO MANY FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND TEACHERS HERE!"

~Abby B

"IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE MY IDEAS MATTER."

~Anonymous Student



YOUTH VOICES

"INFINITY IS AN AWESOME WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS & LEARN NEW THINGS"

~Emelise R

"INFINITY OPENED ME INTO A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY."

~Joshua S



INCREASED
BELONGING & PEER
CONNECTION

IMPROVMENTS
IN EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING

REDUCTION IN UNSUPERVISED TIME FOR TEENS

POSITIVE SELF-VIEW
AND INCREASES IN
SELF-ADVOCACY

TEENS ASKING FOR MORE TIME AT THE INFINITY CENTER!



### WHAT'S NEXT?

#### For our upcoming program year, we want to:

- EXPAND GROUP MENTORSHIP EVEN FURTHER
- BRING MORE YOUTH VOICES INTO DECISION—MAKING
- CONTINUE REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS
- ENSURE MORE TEENS STAY CONNECTED YEAR-ROUND







