

“Sentenced to the Arts” Project (STTAP) Fact Sheet

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STTAP EVALUATION RESULTS:

- Participants in STTAP had a 75% decrease (from 4 to 1) in court referrals and a 54% decrease in the number of serious crime offenses.
- Improved attitudes in moral decision -making, and decreased attitudes favorable to delinquency.
- Grade point averages increased a full letter grade among participants
- Participants demonstrated anger management skills.
- Exposure to positive role models and mentoring played a role in the increase in the participant’s positive relationships with adults.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The “Sentenced to the Arts” Project (STTAP) allows adjudicated youth to emotionally express themselves in a creative positive manner through an art of their choice. STTAP is a program in which youth are “sentenced to the arts,” involving themselves in an arts education program, community service and expressive therapy component. The goal is to decrease the likelihood to commit post treatment offenses, to reduce recidivism, and to improve behavior. This opportunity for accountability creates a unique opportunity to try a different approach to assisting wayward youth in returning to a productive and meaningful life.

STTAP offers an array of art venues and expressive therapy programs and services to adjudicated youth in Jackson County, Missouri. Programs are created and implemented within group homes, detention centers, community centers, schools, local organizations.

STTAP is unique because of the intergovernmental relationships; Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office - Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax (COMBAT), City of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jackson County Family Court.

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED: 7,472

Year I:	762
Year II:	908
Year III:	1106
Year IV:	1153
Year V:	890
Year VI:	824
Year VII:	642
Year VIII:	475
Year IX:	712

Currently in Year X 411 (to date)

STTAP Sites

- Andrew Drumm High School
- Black Archives
- Blue Springs School District
- Boys & Girls Club
- Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center
- Center Alternative School
- Chameleon: Arts Youth & Development
- Children's Art Institute
- DeLaSalle Middle School
- DeLaSalle – Kobets Campus
- Don Bosco Charter High School
- Genesis Charter School
- Grain Valley High School
- Grandview Alternative School
- Hickman Mills School District
- Hilltop Residential Facility
- Independence Academy High School
- Jackson County Family Court Area I
- Jackson County Family Court Area II
- Jackson County Family Court Area III
- Jackson County Family Court Detention
- Jackson County Family Court Jackson House
- Jackson County Family Court Waldron House
- Kansas City Missouri School District
- Lee's Summit School District
- Mattie Rhodes Center
- McCune Residential Facility
- Morning Star
- Niles Home for Children
- Oak Grove School District
- Ozanam School
- Penn Valley Community College
- Raytown Education Center
- Scott Greening Center
- Summit Ridge Academy
- Tony Aguire Center
- Westport Charter School
- Whatsoever Community Center

STTAP Artists

- Arts in Prison, Morpheus Project
- Awesome Talent Entertainment Network
- Barry Bernstein - Drummer
- Chameleon: Arts Youth & Development
- Charlotte Kyle
- Children's Art Institute
- City in Motion
- CyberYouth Club
- Danny Hines - Dancer
- David R. Strabala – Art of Storytelling / Therapy
- Dean Ottinger
- Elder Merritt – Writer
- Ernie Porter
- Grupo Baribazu Capoeira
- Legacy Coalition
- MT Productions
- Morningstar CDC
- Mosaic Brain
- Play-By-Ear
- Reality Productions
- Storytellers, Inc.
- Susan Tower – Ballet & Modern Dance Instructor
- T.A.B. Creations
- The KC Boys Choir
- Traditional Music Society
- Troy Garrison – Theatre Instructor
- UNEEK Productions
- United Music Charity
- Youth Friends

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