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ULEAD: The Effects of a Civic Educational Program on Urban Youth

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Abstract

There is a critical need for urban youth to have working knowledge of the legal and civic nuances of their communities and political state that affects their daily lives. The pressing problems of the daily existence that these students face inhibit them from utilizing this understanding to exhibit appropriate behavior and engage in civil discourses. ULEAD proposed to provide these students with the knowledge of the functions of the legal and civic processes that will facilitate behavior modification to allow them to take advantage of the social order in which they are enmeshed.

Through hands-on, interactive and problem-based curricula, ULEAD presented to our youth the positive and productive ways to engage their communities and respond in socially acceptable ways to modulate the forces that they identified as oppressive. ULEAD offered young minds pathways to character development through first-hand involvement with law enforcement, the judicial system, constitutional history and the socio-economic structure. The program provided students the opportunity to understand that they are part of the process that makes their communities work for the betterment of all and that they had options that they may have never considered to strengthen their academic, social and economic state and that of the community as a whole. ULEAD intervention demonstrated that you can change the attitudes and sense of agency, and understanding of young people.

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