



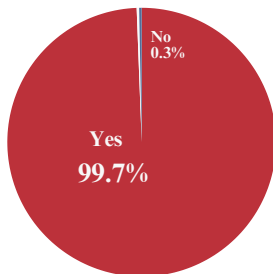
HEALING BROKEN CIRCLES

HOPE PROGRAM at the Martin Luther King, Parsons & Hilltop branches of the Columbus Metropolitan Libraries, 2024

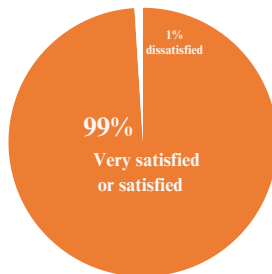


HBC served 172 unique individuals ages 13-18. 56% were boys, 34% girls, 9% non-binary and 1% prefer not to say. 68% identify as Black, 22% as mixed, 8% white, 5% Latino and 2% Native American

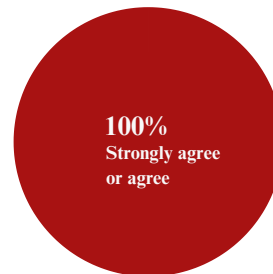
Would you recommend this program to another teen?



How satisfied are you with this program?



“I got helpful advice about important things in my life”



Feedback from Library STAFF:

“The HOPE team has done a phenomenal job building and strengthening relationships with our teens. They have created a safe space within our branch for teens to share vulnerably and seek out appropriate supports, resources, and information. Their talking circles have played a significant role in positively shifting the culture of our branch, and our teens look forward to their program each week!”

– Brea Porter, Youth Services Manager

“Each time the HOPE program comes to our branch, they tend to have the most engagement. Their impact seems to resonate with the teens because once the program ends, they’re always asking when they’re coming back.”

– Jacob Bragg, Security Guard

“The HOPE program provides us with an interactive space for our teens to be expressive and creative while engaging and discussing how they would react to everyday scenarios.”

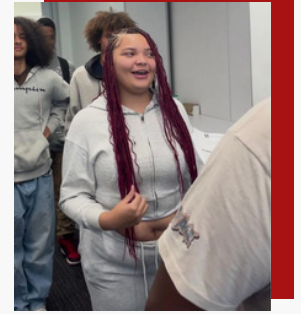
– Larry Newsom, Youth Engagement Specialist



Feedback from HOPE Youth:

What did you like about the HOPE program?

- You can express yourself and not get judged, also you learn multiple things
 - That I can open up
 - Feels inclusive
 - Very enjoyable vibe
 - How everyone is kind, listens, and food
 - I like how I got new conflict skills and can go and use these skills without bad returns
 - How people listen
 - Meeting new people
 - I like that I can speak freely
 - It was fun and interactive
 - Everything, the people, topics, and discussions
 - Very inclusive and engaging
- Made me think more
 - I feel like I am heard
 - The convo
 - We get to speak our mind
 - I been able to state and debate about my opinions
 - Everything we talked about was easy to relate to
 - How everyone opened up and listens to everyone
 - I got listening to people and learned new things
 - The way we talked about our personal life
 - Being myself and talking to everyone in here
 - Helps with life



What did you learn that is or will be helpful to you?

- I learned that you don't always have to be violent
 - To open up a little
 - Conflict resolution
 - Learn about everyone
 - Don't do stupid stuff
 - I learned there was a lot of people like me
 - I learned about finance and how to set my own goals
 - How to share more openly
 - One thing that's helpful is keeping calm
 - Better social skills
 - Beat Production
 - This will be helpful for me when I am in conflict
- How to think differently
 - Compromising
 - The 5 responses to conflict
 - Give people more time to find peace
 - Goals and about conflicts
 - I learned to speak to new people
 - Treat females with respect
 - My image and how I see myself
 - I've gotten better with my social skills
 - Self-control and finance management
 - How to fix conflict That you can do whatever you want in life
 - Communications skills
 - If you always spend on small purchases that are one time uses you'll never spend bigger



What could we improve?

- It's a great program already
 - Timing/scheduling
 - More topics
 - IDK
 - Nothing It's fine how it is
 - Lots of more food
 - Make the program longer and have it more than one day
- I can't think of anything
 - Nah
 - Talking more
 - Nothing its perfect
 - More time to discuss
 - Have more people come in and learn more things
 - Nothing!

