

HUDSON COUNTY ARTS IMMERSION PROJECT



RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES (ROID)



STUDENTS YARN WEAVING
AT THE LIBERTY FAMILY
SUCCESS CENTER

About the Program

During the course of the summer of 2017, the Educational Arts Team (EAT) carried out an 8-week series of arts for the Hudson County Art Immersion Exploration Program (HCAIEP) – an arts-based recreational program for Hudson County residents. Participants included young people abilities at 5 sites: Secaucus Recreation Center, Boys and Girls Club in Jersey City, Palisades

Family Success Center in Union City, the Liberty Family Success Center in Kearny, and the Jubilee Center in Hoboken.

The program gave young people experiences in new art mediums and fostered a sense of accomplishment. Our goal was to develop a lifelong appreciation of the arts: enriching the lives of the participants by introducing them to various art forms, and cultural institutions.

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The participants were really engaged in each activity, able to develop friendships, and were allowed to be creative in a safe non-judgemental space.

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PAMELA VILLACIS
LIBERTY FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER

By the Numbers

The program consisted of two hours of various art activities per week for participants of varying ability and skill level. The sessions were led by an experienced art teacher and two aides who assisted individuals of diverse abilities. Mediums included simple artistry (pencil, marker, etc.), pastels and water colors, quick dry clay creations, 3-D collaging, and large-scale collaborative projects. While the program was designed for beginners, the lead teacher introduced new materials and allowed each participant to engage with the medium in the way he or she was most comfortable. Projects included watercolor art with silhouettes, yarn weaving, and comic book creating.

- 02 hours of instruction per week
- 01 experienced art teacher present at each session to assist individuals of diverse abilities
- 08 class sessions per location
- 03 field trips for students to experience art outside the classroom
- 75 children participating in the program
- 02 experienced art aides involved at each session



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We made lots of cool things and did crafts. On the field trip, I enjoyed all of the paintings and sculptures. We learned about the hidden things in art and the older days of our country.

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LUCAS

PARTICIPANT, JUBILEE CENTER (HOBOKEN)

Beyond the Classroom

To develop a sense of adventure and inspiration to explore art, participants were invited to attend a field trip. The trip gave participants an opportunity to experience art outside of the classroom, encountering different types of mediums and sculptures in a professional art setting. The groups traveled to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ where they were able to see works by established and emerging American and international sculptors in a variety of styles. One of the groups, the Jubilee Center in Hoboken, went to the Newark Museum. At the Newark Museum, they were given a tour through various exhibits ranging from Native American art to Modern art. At each exhibit, the guide encouraged students to look deeper into the works and discuss the meaning behind them.



**GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE
IN HAMILTON, NJ**