



YouthWorks/Project SERVE Survey Results

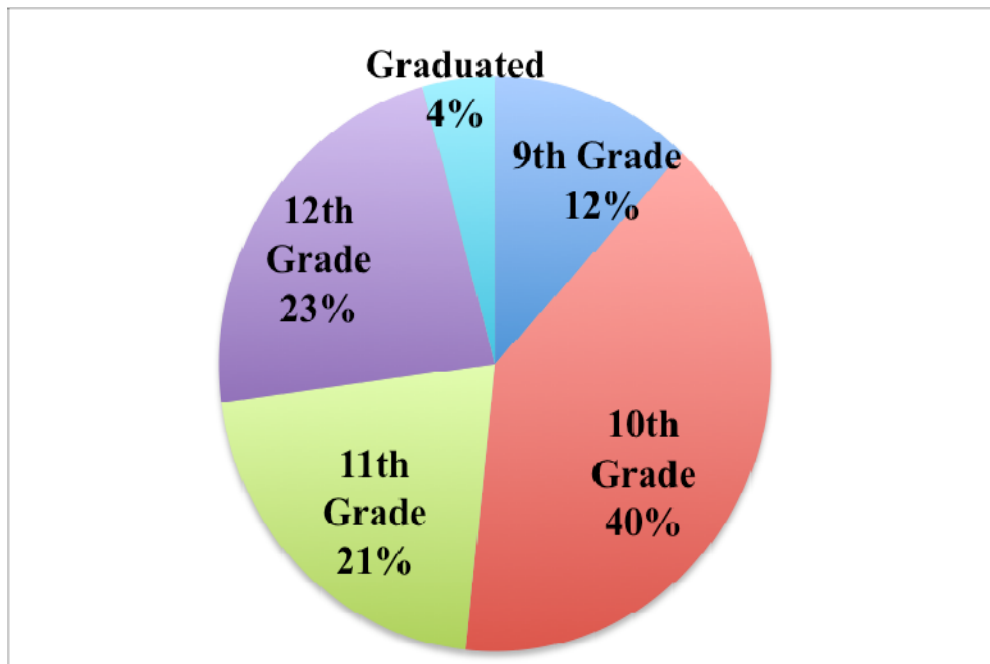
During the summer of 2009, EducationWorks was provided a grant to work with high school youth and offer service and career opportunities as well as academic support services. YouthWorks introduced students to the work environment while providing them an opportunity to serve others. Students were involved in a “Crafty Readers” literacy program, helping younger students with their reading skills. YouthWorks students received special training prior to beginning their work with the younger students.

YouthWorks students also participated in various career exploration activities during the summer, including workshops, guest speakers, and college visits. Students were required to work on a project and develop a portfolio related to their work experience that served as an assessment tool for the students’ accomplishments. Students received academic credit and were paid a modest salary for their work and service.

At the end of the summer, the students were given a survey to reflect on their experience. Overall, the students were satisfied with their experience and found that the experience led to an increase in self-esteem. Results are presented below.

Number of Youth Responses: 124
Average Age of Respondents: 16
Gender Distribution: 48% Female and 52% Male

Grade Distribution of Summer 2009 YouthWorkers



Program Information Results

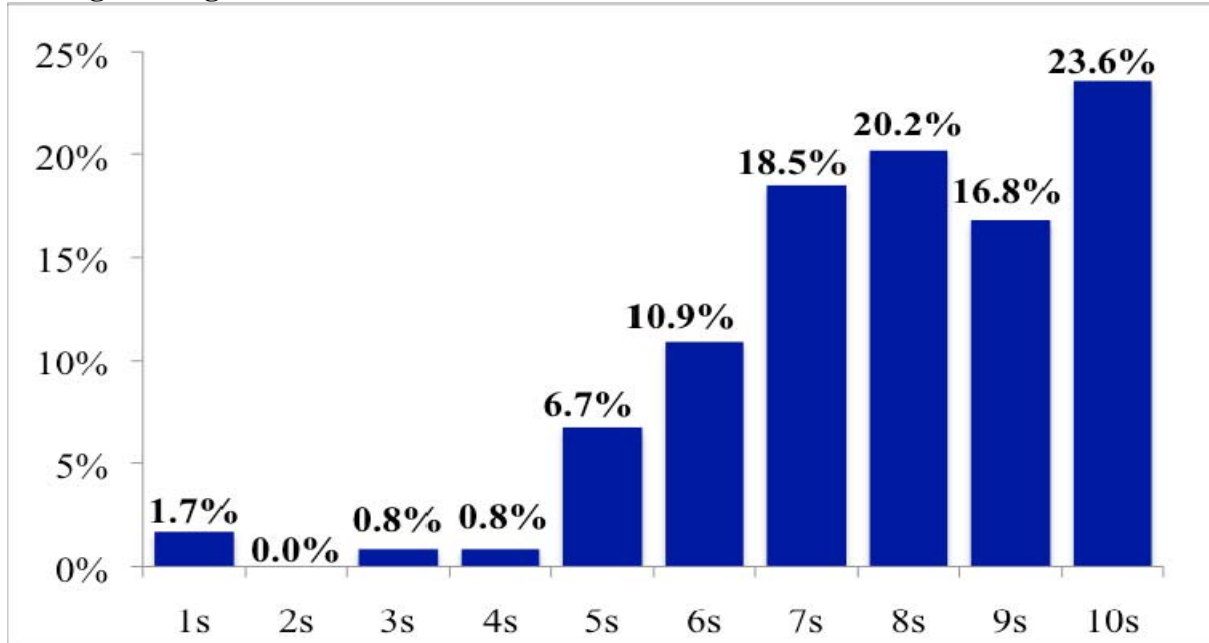
EducationWorks Summer 2009 YouthWorks Survey Results							
<i>YouthWorks has helped me...</i>							
	Average Score	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
Increase my dedication to school	5.0	8.5%		91.5%			
Increase my civic engagement	4.7	12.7%		87.3%			
Improve my skills for future success	5.2	4.3%		95.7%			
Improve my self-confidence	5.4	4.1%		95.9%			
<i>Additional Findings</i>							
Academic day trainings gave me new information for finding a job.	5.2	5.8%		94.2%			
Academic day trainings taught me new job skills.	5.4	2.5%		97.5%			
The work that I did at the work site taught me new skills that would help me in the future.	5.2	5.7%		94.3%			
The project that I completed taught me new skills that would help me in the future.	4.7	16.8%		83.2%			
The portfolio that I created taught me new skills that would help me in the future.	4.7	12.1%		87.9%			
I got along with the adult staff I worked with.	5.3	7.4%		92.6%			
I felt support from the adult staff I worked with.	5.2	4.9%		95.1%			

Scoring Scale:

1=Completely Disagree; 2=Mostly Disagree; 3=Slightly Disagree; 4=Slightly Agree; 5=Mostly Agree; 6=Completely Agree

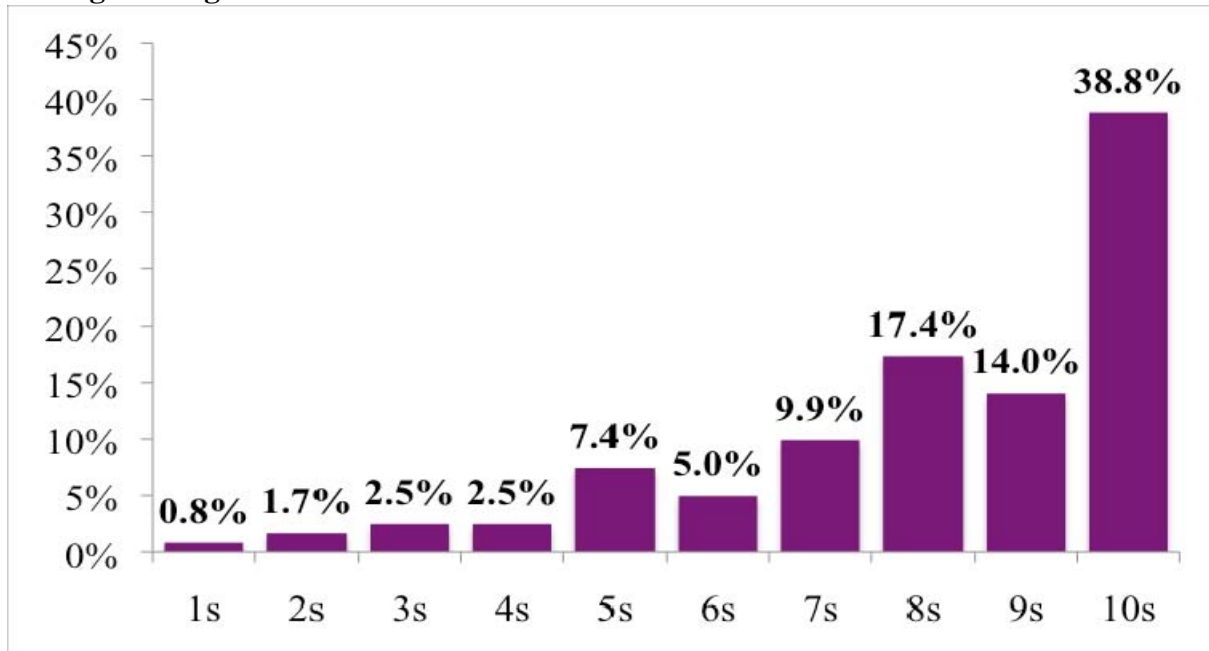
On a scale of 1 to 10 (where 1=not at all and 10=a lot), how much did you enjoy working with YouthWorks?

Average Rating= 7.8

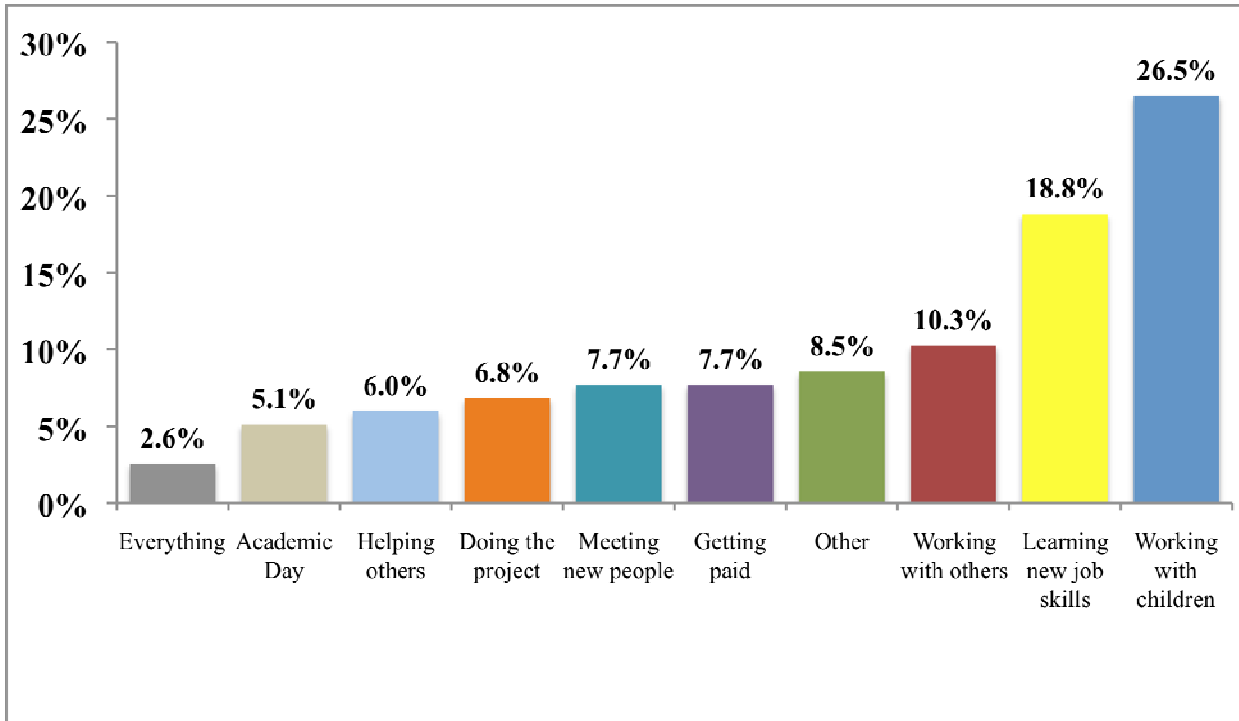


On a scale of 1 to 10 (where 1=not at all and 10=definitely), how likely are you to do this program again?

Average Rating= 8.1



What did you like *best* about YouthWorks/Project SERVE?



Specific *Best* Responses Included:

- I liked that I had something new to do this summer and that I had money.
- I liked the help and support from staff and the confidence they had in me and my peers.
- [The experience] made me want to work with kids when I grow up.
- I liked how everyone had to put their ideas together to get this project done.
- [The experience] gave me an opportunity for leadership.
- Writing a children's story, to help younger children better understand the importance of cooperation and teamwork.
- My boss helping me out and coming to Academic Day.

Currently, what are your plans after you finish high school?

