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ABOUT ENACT

- In-School Student Programs
- After-School Student Workshops
- Parent & Family Workshops
- Professional Staff Development
- Auditorium Performances

Since 1987, ENACT has used its pioneering creative drama approach to promote self-awareness for dynamic change in NYC public school students and those invested in their education. Using a unique program of proven theater techniques, reflective scene work, and process facilitation, ENACT creates an atmosphere of trust within which students recognize their own behavior, and learn important life skills that allow them to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

ENACT's highly trained, diverse team of actor-instructors, drama therapists, and licensed social workers help thousands of students, parents, and school staff every year to develop critical life skills, such as conflict resolution and increased self-esteem. In 2008, a Ford Foundation-funded evaluation found, "ENACT's artists engaged students who were initially resistant. Students began to better understand their emotions, express themselves, and take ownership of their behavior."

"The most valuable aspect of ENACT is that students are able to analyze and discuss their behaviors and important societal issues in a safe environment that accepts and challenges their ideas at the same time."

— Participating Teacher



ENACT's individually tailored Student Programs are designed to promote self-awareness and build social and emotional skills. Taking place in-class or after-school, ENACT's signature role-play scenes focus on challenges relevant to youth today. Students observe and act out scenes that center around issues like **peer pressure, violence, diversity, and child-adult relationships** in order to constructively address obstacles that get in the way of their learning.



ENACT Auditorium Performances portray the obstacles students face on a daily basis. Performed by four diverse and multicultural actors, they reflect true life situations, exploring themes like **personal choice and responsibility, peer pressure, and positive communication**. Performances are appropriate for students of all ages and are followed by a facilitated discussion that allows students to come up with healthier alternatives to the conflict situations presented.



Professional Staff Development Workshops help teachers of all grades and abilities integrate ENACT's innovative techniques into their classroom management strategies. Through interactive methods like role play and theater games, school staff explore different approaches to **communicating more effectively** with students in order to improve classroom climate.



In Parent & Family Workshops, ENACT's goal is to give families the tools they need to be full partners in the education of their child and to help them be responsible community members. Utilizing ENACT's creative drama techniques, participants recreate parent-child or parent-teacher conflict in order to help them **better understand their child, communicate productively with teachers, and recognize their own behavior patterns** which will enable them to be more open to change.