



Teaching Artist Engaging Students

ENACT engages vulnerable youth through our unique method of interactive theater and drama therapy to transform behavior and help them succeed in school and life.

Overview

History

Since 1987, ENACT has been a pioneer in teaching social and emotional skills through the creative arts therapies. Our unique drama therapy method is known for reaching the most challenged youth.

To date we have served over **150,000 students** in hundreds of public schools and specialized Alternate Learning Centers throughout the five boroughs of New York City.

Method

Diana Feldman, Founder & Board Certified Drama Therapist, created the ENACT Method driven by ongoing research that transforms the classroom into a "Safe Container" - a safe space of belonging where students can explore the roles they play in their everyday lives, allowing for personal transformation and group responsibility.

Programs

- ENACT Residencies - In-School and After-School
- Year-Long Partnerships
- Parent and Family Workshops
- Professional Development Workshops
- Show UP!

Recognition

- Peer-reviewed publication in international journal from NADTA
- Repeated recipient of City Council Dropout Prevention Funding
- United Way of NYC Exemplary Achievement in Improving Public School Attendance



Research

ENACT was the recent subject of a Columbia University four-year study (sponsored by the Ford Foundation), which included 65 classroom observations. Research found that by working with ENACT, schools experience classroom climate change and overall improved school culture.

Outcomes

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| i. Social and emotional learning | iv. Student engagement |
| ii. Improved concept of self | v. Behavior regulation |
| iii. Conflict de-escalation | vi. Resilience |

"Instructors are empowering students by teaching them that they have a choice in their lives and that it is their decision to make."
- Teacher, Alternate Learning Center at Grady H.S.



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