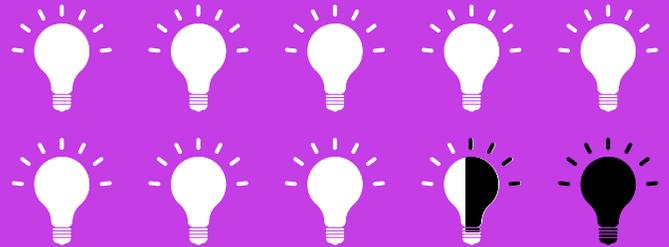


The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company's flagship Youth Theatre Conservatory program offers standards-based, experiential theatre-arts education and mentoring via a series of two sequential 12-week after-school residencies where participants collaborate to create and perform original microplays born out of their shared life experiences.



Following the program, **90%** of participants agreed that they learned to respect people who are different than themselves.



Following the program, **84%** of participants agreed that they learned new skills that they would use in school or work.

Students' comfort in new situations **increased 54%** from pre-to post-residency.

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54%

Students' comfort writing and revising **increased 42%** from pre- to post-residency.

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42%

Students' level of self-confidence **increased 19%** from pre-to post-residency.

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"I feel like I've grown a lot. I love that. I feel like I've gotten a lot more comfortable around many people. I feel like I got to learn to open my circle a little bit more."

- Martha, age 17, Spring 2025

"I have seen a lot change in me. I was a very reserved person... now we're all family. I really really love it. I feel so comfortable and happy here. It's the only reason I come to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

- Anai, age 16, Spring 2025