

AWBW/Children's Program Voices

Now that I did this activity I feel like a rock was taken off my chest.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 14

When I made this project it helped me to find my identity and my self.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 17

There was one ten-year old girl in our shelter who seemed very depressed. I asked her to draw me a picture of her life, and then two weeks later I asked her to draw me a picture of her life again. In the second picture there was light coming through.

Children's Windows Leader

The dripping paint represents my tears of pain.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 15

The art workshop helped the kids feel more open to say why they are here, and the sharing helped them see that they had all been through the same things.

Children's Windows Leader

A 12-year old boy shared with us that the monster would come out in him when he used to bully children at school. When he did this workshop he started to cry and acknowledge that he did not want the monster to come out anymore.

Children's Windows Leader

Every time I think I don't want to do art, but then I do it and I don't feel angry anymore.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 7

I have my sad heart and
I have my happy heart;
when I do art my heart is happy.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 4

The place I am happiest is here.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 12

I want to draw the freedom I feel. When I came to the shelter almost two years ago I had many secrets, but now I know I can talk to those I can trust.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 10



One young boy was talking with a child new to the shelter. The newcomer was crying and scared; the slightly older boy was trying to comfort him and said, "Just wait 'til Friday when we have Windows. Everything will be all right then."

Children's Windows Leader

I get mad from school and yell at my mom, but today I can yell at the paper.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 10

The Windows program has transformed our entire agency. It has brought all of our hearts together in a wonderful way. The parents are responding differently. The children are different. I'm different.

Children's Windows Leader

My face was an aggressive face. After making it, I did not feel like that anymore.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 13

This program really helps to get the participation and response from all the children we have done group with. They love all the different activities and want to come back for more.

Children's Windows Leader

It's amazing seeing a hurt and troubled child transform into a creative and positive one through the art.

Children's Windows Leader

When you look at all my feelings together, I am a whole girl.

Children's Windows Participant, Age 8

