

Prevention Theatre Collective FY19/20



Prevention Theatre Collective is a theatre-based peer to peer outreach that utilizes interactive theatre techniques as a tool to cultivate a culture of awareness in and around the relationship between mental health and substance abuse.

PARTICIPANT REACH

PTC returned in 2019-20 with ensembles at Ypsilanti Community High School (Ypsilanti, MI), Community High School (Ann Arbor, MI), Skyline High School (Ann Arbor, MI) and EMU Summer Intensive: Botvin Transitions Series.

60 Washtenaw County students participated in PTC programming; 36 participants earned 3 transferable college credits; 25 students successfully completed Botvin LifeSkills: Transitions; Two (2) students were employed as Junior Teaching Artist (JTA).

PTC @ YPSILANTI COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (YCHS)

PTC Knowledge Check Pre/Post Test

An eleven (11) question test was administered to YCHS participants at the onset of programming to gauge basic ATOD knowledge and to clarify what needed to be reviewed over the course of time with YCHS participants. YCHS average pre-test score was 59%. PTC was able to successfully follow up with post-testing to see if there was a growth in knowledge over the course of programming. PTC is proud to report that post-test scores showed growth and the average YCHS cohort score was 72%. (IV: lack of knowledge)

Botvin Pre/Post Survey

At the request of YCHS staff, PTC facilitated Botvin LifeSkills: Transitions, a 6-module curriculum which explores skills needed to navigate the transition into the workforce and/or higher education. It also explores the effects of substance ab/use while making decisions during continuous life transitions. Botvin Pre/Post survey gauges knowledge, anti-drug attitudes and a lifeskill assessment. The average knowledge score showed no real growth between pre and post testing at 88%. However, 86% of participants showed strong attitudes against substance use; about 50% of participants showed stronger attitudes against substance use between pre and post surveying. 73% of participants showed more frequent use of skills that fall in the life skills category (Drug Refusal, Assertiveness, Relaxation, Self Control).

PTC @ COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL- ANN ARBOR (CHS)

PTC Knowledge Check Pre/Post Test

An eleven (11) question test was administered to CHS participants at the onset of programming to gauge basic ATOD knowledge and to clarify what needed to be reviewed over the course of time with CHS participants. CHS average pre-test score was 75%. PTC was able to successfully follow up with post-testing to see if there was a growth in knowledge over the course of programming. PTC is proud to report that post-test scores showed growth and the average CHS cohort score was 90%.

PTC @ SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL- ANN ARBOR

PTC Knowledge Check Pre/Post Test

An eleven (11) question test was administered to Skyline participants at the onset of programming to gauge basic ATOD knowledge and to clarify what needed to be reviewed over the course of time with Skyline participants. Skyline average pre-test score was 84%. PTC was able to successfully follow up with post-testing to see if there was a growth in knowledge over the course of programming. PTC is proud to report that post-test scores showed growth and the average Skyline cohort score was 94%.

EMU "VIRTUAL!" SHARE DAY 2020

Post Experience Closing Survey

- Skyline H.S. participants were able to report out that they were able to perform student devised theatrical pieces before a peer audience.
- **79%** of participants reported that their voices are being heard regarding ATOD and/or substance ab/use.
- **89%** of participants reported that as a result of participating with Prevention Theatre Collective, that they have the knowledge, skills and confidence to present on the topic of ATOD, substance ab/use and/or mental health.
- **94%** of participants reported that as a result of participating with Prevention Theatre Collective, that they have the knowledge/resources and confidence to inform a peer about the consequences and risk of substance ab/use.

BOTVIN'S SUMMER SERIES

Summer Series: Botvin Pre/Post Survey

To remain engaged with the community during Michigan's stay-at-home order (2020) PTC offered Botvin LifeSkills: Transitions virtually to Washtenaw County students. PTC, under the support of Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan Mini Grant (PA2) was able to offer each participant gift card incentives for participation. Botvin Pre/Post survey gauges knowledge, anti-drug attitudes and a lifeskill assessment score. 92% of participants showed strong attitudes against substance use; 54% of participants showed stronger attitudes against substance use between pre and post surveying. Anti-marijuana attitudes increased from 84% to 92%. A greater understanding of relaxation skills were demonstrated as 77% of participants increased their relaxation skills usage score.

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