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## **Create Now Offers the Widest Variety of Creative Arts Programs to the Most Disadvantaged Youth**

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### **Our Multi-Disciplinary Creative Arts Programs include:**

#### **Literacy Program – Write Now**

Feature film, television, journalists and creative writers work with students on the basics of storytelling, using popular media as examples. **Create Now** has an extensive library of screenplays, magazines and books, which are shared with students. Youngsters are taught to express themselves through poetry, short stories, essays, plays, song lyrics, and news articles. Students' written works are often videotaped or performed at the facility where they live as part of a Theater Workshop. In addition, we feature their work on our website.

#### **Art Program – Take Heart**

Sculptors, cartoonists, muralists, graphic artists, and web designers teach their crafts to participants. Workshops are taught in painting, drawing, collage, photography and sculpture. Mural projects encourage teamwork and cooperation. Younger children learn to express themselves through simple arts and crafts projects. Youth learn to express themselves in many ways through the visual arts, which has a very therapeutic effect.

#### **Music Program – Sound Off**

**Create Now** sponsors mini-concerts where the youngsters are invited to sing their own songs in front of their peers and staff. Individual and group workshops focus on a variety of instruments, such as guitar and keyboards. Participants in the music program also learn about writing, producing, A&R, engineering, management, entertainment law, and all other aspects of the music industry from top professionals. In addition, they learn appreciation for such genres as classical music and jazz.

#### **Cultural Excursions Program – Artistic Journeys**

Thousands of children are invited every year to attend free concerts and plays at famous locations, like the Hollywood Bowl, Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Music Center. Popular venues like the Ford Amphitheatre, the Geffen Playhouse, the Pasadena Playhouse, and the Huntington Library also invite our youth to attend their performances. Special tours are arranged to art museums, film studios and extravaganzas such as "Cirque du Soleil."

#### **Performing Arts – Show Off**

Performing is very popular with the youth we serve. Through our workshops, they learn how to dance, act, star in their own theatrical productions and create their own videos. Spoken Word also falls into this category, where kids present their original poems in a dramatic manner. Being able to perform in front of staff, family and peers creates more self-esteem and confidence.

#### **General Mentoring – One-on-one Mentoring**

While **Create Now** focuses on arts mentoring in music, visual arts, writing and the performing arts, we also provide opportunities to become a general mentor. This type of mentoring helps youth with basic life skills, such as learning how to go on a job interview, apply for college and to become independent, confident individuals. General mentors can help with academic work, take their mentees on fun outings and become a close friend. General mentoring can be arranged with small groups of youth or as one-on-one mentors like a Big Brother/Big Sister or a "Special Friend."

