



**Children's Museum**  
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EXAMPLE OF AN IN-DEPTH PROGRAM

Children-at-Risk is a program run by the Children's Museum for early adolescents who are referred by a court, school or social service agency and are defined as being at risk.

Participants in the program are fully supervised, and trained to work in each of the Museum's participatory exhibit areas to teach children and adults what they have learned. In each area they work with an older, experienced staff person until they develop the confidence and skills to work on their own.

This program emphasizes positive work experiences; developing self-understanding and self-confidence; developing communications skills and better relationships with others; and providing role models of adults who are enthusiastic about their work.

Participants work between 8-20 hours per week (and up to 40 hours during school vacations); may receive school credit; and are paid from youth employment services or court diversion programs.

Participant Profile

During the pilot year 52 adolescents participated in the program. Of these:

- 18 completed the program, spending between 2-12 months;
- 15 did not complete the program, spending less than 2 months;
- 19 are currently working in the program.

Ages	Race	Communities
13 are 14	3 are Asian	1 East Boston
17 are 15	17 are Black	22 South Boston
12 are 16	3 are Hispanic	16 Dorchester
6 are 17	28 are White	2 Roxbury
3 are 18		3 Chinatown
1 is 19		2 Chelsea
		2 Cambridge
		1 Hyde Park
		1 Roslindale
		2 Mattapan