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Tween & Teen Programs

Staff Training / Skill Toy Kits / Support Materials

Provide tweens and teens in your library system, summer camp, or after school program with the opportunity to unplug and slow down long enough to discover important lessons about themselves, their learning process, and how to approach stress in a healthy way. Flow Circus' sustainable skill toy programs combine educator training with supplemental tools to create a novel way to engage your teens throughout the summer and school year.

Flow Circus has provided me with invaluable tools to provide exceptional programming.
YMCA Program Director

The program made the participants "celebrities" around the Club. Because of the skills they learned, other members were drawn to them as they practiced and performed.
Boys & Girls Club Program Director

↑ **Active Learning**

↑ **Connection to Community**

↑ **Enthusiasm for self-directed learning and leadership**

Training: Half or full-day trainings focus on increasing comfort with the tools, understanding current research on the teen brain and social development, and implementation of tween/teen programs. Educators may not be masters at skill toys by the end of the session, but they learn how to create a culture of success that motivates teens to practice, fail, and try again.

Skill Toy Kits: A carefully curated selection of skill toys from around the world includes flower sticks, kendama, yo yo, and more. Some require precision while others lend themselves more to creative play. All can be used individually or in groups, on stage or for competition, and indoors or out. Most importantly, they are all hands-on and thumbs-free getting teens up and moving in a novel, social, clique-neutral way.

Support Materials: Instructional videos and programming materials are based on more than 10 years of running skill toy workshops at Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, private camps, and public libraries. The materials support educators as they put training into practice and develop sustainable, dynamic programming for their communities.

The biggest benefit to incorporating skill toys is it offers a common platform for students of all backgrounds to work together to achieve a common goal.

Youth Services Librarian

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***Your professionalism, enthusiasm,
and dedication helped make this
event an overwhelming success, as
measured through the evaluations.***

State Youth Services Library Consultant

***In a world inundated with
sedentary entertainment, it is
refreshing to see programs that
require actual movement, finesse,
and sustained practice.***

Youth Services Librarian

***Paul and Dawn reminded us that
play can help us reach and
engage youth using simple tools.***

Youth Programmer

***It was really nice to see that I
can quickly learn something
new. It was exciting!***

Teen Participant

***The most fun (most funnest?
— that seems more
descriptive!) workshop I've
ever attended.***

Youth Services Librarian

***I am thrilled and
excited to be able
teach and practice a
new skill!***

Teen Participant

Founders

Paul Miller, Chief Executive Officer

An entrepreneur and nationally touring performing artist, Paul performs his unique blend of comedy magic, spectacular juggling, and contagious energy both nationally and internationally for Fortune 500 companies, USO, TEDx Creative Coast, Off-Broadway, and Disney Cruise Lines.

Dawn Daria, Chief Education Officer

An award winning educator and author, Dawn loves to inspire individuals to step out of their comfort zones in order to discover something new about themselves, each other, and the world. She regularly consults with organizations including Chamber of Commerce leadership programs, women business owner groups, museum education programs, and the health and wellness industry.

***Loved the workshop; Dawn and Paul complement
each other's strengths in the best of ways.***

Youth Services Librarian

***Paul and Dawn are professional, easy to work
with, and have a fabulous stage presence!***

Event Planner

Over 30 Years Speaking, Teaching, and Leading:

Past teen program partners include: South Carolina State Library, Wake Forest Boys and Girls Club, YMCA Camp Kanata, State Library of Pennsylvania, Camp Kiwanis - Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Franklin Academy, YMCA Camp Cheerio, Cary Academy, YMCA Camp Hazen, Montgomery County - Norristown Library, Rowan County Public Library, Morrison YMCA, and more.



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