

I was very pleased to work with Steven angel and the Reading and Rhythm program. I have seen significant improvement in the youth's grade and focus since the start of the program here at Central Juvenile Hall. The youth who were involved in the program, both young men and women, are more confident in themselves and it shows. The boost in self-confidence really has help with the youth's self-esteem and overall attitude. Once the youth see their grades go up and the teachers notice, they really begin to think about their future in a positive manner. They begin to think about things like college and future career, which are things some of them never even imagine getting anywhere close to. The Reading and Rhythm Program is an amazing program and should be implemented everywhere because it really boosts young minds and helps them achieve goals they never thought possible. I enjoy seeing this change in young people because it helps me see that even though these youth have made mistakes in their past and are paying the consequences, they are still young, growing minds who just needed a chance and someone to believe in them.

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