



Agents of Change Program Results Summer 2004

Agents of Change is an innovative leadership development program that empowers a diverse team of high school students with leadership skills, mentorship, an internship opportunity, and resources to lead action projects in the community.

In our first pilot year, Agents of Change had 24 students from Boston high schools such as Boston Latin School, BB&N, City on a Hill, Catholic Memorial, Cathedral, Jeremiah Burke, and Orchard Gardens Pilot. The staff of 8 included College Coaches from Bowdoin, Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Eastern Mennonite University, Northeastern University, Tufts, University of Richmond, Wesleyan and Wheaton. Numerous other individuals served as advisors and volunteers. In addition, Agents of Change partnered with 17 organizations in the Greater Boston area.

When asked about their experience, participants gave the following answers:

<u>Statement</u>	<u>Average Score*</u>	<u>% Agreed**</u>
The lessons I have learned from AOC have the potential to carry over into my daily activities.	4.1	71.43%
My confidence as a leader has increased because of my participation in AOC.	4.1	71.43%
My knowledge and/or skills in leadership increased as a result of AOC.	4.1	80.95%
The large group activities helped me explore and understand leadership.	3.9	65.00%
The service trips and community visits helped me explore and understand leadership.	3.9	75.00%
My coaches helped me explore and understand leadership.	4.19	87.50%
I have a better understanding of issues that face youth.	4.18	69.23%
I enjoyed the internship experience.	4.24	76.47%
I learned a lot from the internship experience.	4.29	76.47%
I view myself as an Agent of Change.	4.4	90.00%
I would recommend this program to my friends.	4.5	100.00%
Overall, I was satisfied with the program.	4.65	100.00%

* Score is on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 strongly disagree and 5 strongly agree.

**Agreed is defined as scoring either 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale.