



About CFA Youth Improv

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Program Components



How one student saw the career potential of improv skills

*"Journalism and Storytelling are great examples for using improv. From using **YES, AND** in an interview to improving sections of a story to better suit an audience".*
 - Eryn (they, them)

Our Mission

CFA Youth Improv is a theater improv program that serves youth of color, 9th-12th grade in the DC, MD, Virginia area. Students study the techniques of improvisational theatre and sketch comedy through classes, live performances, and creating original work. Taught and led by professional improv actors and guest speakers, CFA Youth Improv is rooted in providing a safe space for youth of color and immigrant teens to fully express themselves creatively through the art of comedy and social justice theatre. Students will have the opportunity to join the CFA Youth Improv team to compete in local /national improv competitions.

Problem	Solution	Supporters	Our Impact
<p>According to The Huffington Post, "Children of color in public schools are disproportionately affected by the lack of exposure to the arts in their classrooms."</p> <p>Racial inequity extends to future young performers of color as "58% of all roles on Broadway and other stages in New York City went to white actors during the 2018-2019 theater season, making them the most visible on stage." -ABC</p>	<p>We provide DMV you arts education in combination with social activism where instructors of color teach, so that youth of color can see real world representation utilizing theatre in performance and beyond.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded-\$16,000 DC Commission of the Arts Grant • Awarded-\$10,000 from the Thrive Grant • Community Sponsor - Kweli TV • Guest speakers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Washington Improv Theatre -Harlem Comedy Festival -StandUpComedy to Go 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -50% participant increase in the ability to overcome the fear of public speaking -100% of students would participate again -Increased communication, collaboration and resilience
<p>Student Testimonial</p> <p>"I learned many new skills this week, but my favorite was being comfortable speaking around others. During all the improv games I definitely improved on my public speaking." -Adriana (she/her)</p>	<p>Why Social Justice Matters</p> <p>"Social Justice matters to me because unfortunately a lot of the things that go on in the world are based on our skin color, and as a POC I need to be educated to things like that." -Adira (she/her)</p>		