



THINGS STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE WISE GUYS PROGRAM

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“We learned how to work with people and deal with a different situation.”

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“One of my friends broke up with his girlfriend, and I helped him through it with some of the stuff I learned here.”

“I feel like when we learned, it wasn’t like—*class class*. Where you had someone teaching you and they’re just talking to you and it gets boring. We actually interacted and participated—or actively participated in discussions and stuff like that. So, I feel like that made it more interesting, and made me want to come more often.”

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“I think it really opened up eyes into actually understanding...what was really happening.”

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“Learning new facts and actually getting to know my peers. And actually being happy in a room. Just—without any drama or anything. We can just be us guys and talk about what’s comfortable.”

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“I just like so much about it. I have so much to say, too much to talk about.”

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“I just like that she teaches, she doesn’t just stand there and talk to you. She does activities with us, it helps us learn in a specific way.”

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“...They also helped us talk about...life goals and stuff like that.”

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“We talked about being good fathers and how to get a good job.”

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“Everyone got to voice their opinion.”



THINGS STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

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“The lessons that are taught here may not be academic—but they can definitely be applied to real life scenarios.”

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“I can try to help a friend out there with depression and everything.”

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“The STD topic and the safe sex topic was a big one. Just because I know I have a bunch of friends—like, not a bunch but my close friends—they’re like—they do stuff but then they’re like, I don’t want to get pregnant and stuff. But then yet they don’t use protection. So it’s like...so that—I don’t know, that helped me give better advice to them.”

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“I think it is that we learn things about topics that are ‘HUSH HUSH,’ you know no one wants to talk about self-harm, STDs...No one wants to talk about teen pregnancies. And this way we can actually get the information we need to know.”

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“It’s hard to explain but I feel like it, I understand, I have a grip around things more than I did before.”

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“Oh yeah, that’s why it should be in high schools, because I can just go [say] something to my friend they may not know. I mean they wouldn’t know anything about it.”

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“Taking initiative and being—like leadership skills and stuff. And just speaking my mind out instead of hiding.”

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“I would recommend it because you meet new people and you learn new things, and you have fun.”

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“How to have a healthy relationship and to like, make a commitment with sexual actions.”

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“It’s not just about sex, but decisions.”

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“If I could take the class again, I would.”



THINGS STUDENTS SAID ABOUT TOP

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“When I first came to TOP, I ended up telling my sister and my mom first, because what I was learning was interesting and in case it happens, she know what to do because it’s not just teenagers who need to know these things, like, older people too. So, I was like “Hey mom, did you know that there’s, more than just condoms and birth control?” And she was like, “No, I didn’t.” And I’m like, “Oh, let me tell you about it then.”

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“It seemed like we were able to, you know, build our own activities rather than you know, just in class—we do this, like prison-style. Do it, get done. We have a choice here.”

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“I kind of learned more about what it means to work hard and do things that don’t outrightly benefit me.”

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“I’ve told my family about things that we’ve, like gone over in class. Like the whole suicide thing, STDs and all that.”

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“I guess it’s like we have each other’s back. We all got attached to each other after this because you could trust each other.”

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“If you had any questions...like you could ask them without kind of feeling embarrassed or anything.”

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“We don’t just sit in the classroom all day and just talk about stuff.”

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“I think that our environment of people is really welcoming and we are not..Okay honestly some of us are not friends outside of this type of thing. You know, we may see each other in the hallways, but it’s not like we make plans to spend Saturday night with each other. Just the diversity of people and the different opinions and advice that we can give each other...That is nice.”