

Video Project Survey of Participants (11)

Survey Questions: “The Video Project”	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Can lead to better professional practice	72.7%	27.3%	0%	0%
Process & questions are a valuable new tool	63.6%	36.4%	0%	0%
Youth gains a sense of control over own life	63.6%	36.4%	0%	0%
Youth gets better understanding of importance of permanence in his/her own life	45.5%	54.5%	0%	0%
Youth gets a sense of usefulness in sharing his/her own story with worker & others	63.6%	36.4%	0%	0%
Leads to better outcomes for participants	45.5%	45.5%	9.1%	0%
Worker gets better understanding of the youth	72.7%	27.3%	0%	0%
Every unit from intake to discharge should have access to this tool	63.6%	36.4%	0%	0%

The experience

- I like the way it is so empowering for the youth. Often things are done "to" the youth and "for" the youth. This project proactively involves the youth and gives the youth a voice.
- I wasn't sure in the beginning, but thought the process and seeing the changes developing through the process I now love it and highly recommend it!
- So far with this video project, it has been a really good experience for me. It has helped me to look at doing my job in a different way.
- It is more challenging than I thought it would be....but very worth it.
- Very enlightening. I developed a stronger relationship / trust with the youth.
- it was huge learning experience that help me see that my story has holes it that i am glad that i am putting it together
- It has been a valuable learning experience!
- Positive-- empowering for youth and instructional for caseworkers who get to appreciate youth on their caseloads in a whole new way!
- Very positive and instructive.

Suggestions for starting

- I think it needs to be clear at the agency who is going to do the project and a understanding of the time commitment. It wasn't clear at this agency at first and I feel like it put us at a disadvantage from the get go. I would love to have more time to commit to the project and feel I have let people down unintentionally.
- make sure you can follow through....no matter how long it takes, how many "retakes"....be prepared that the youth's situation can change during the course of the tapings and thus, change the process, dynamics, answers, etc.
- used it to help the children to own their story and learn about themselves ...this is the chance for the social worker to see the true person not what the record say the person is
- Be flexible and open minded about the possibilities of this tool!
- Buy a video camera, let an experienced worker(s) pilot this with youth and see for yourself what happens. Follow the cautions in the document, though-- this can be an emotional, yet hopefully healing, project for all involved.
- Anything new requires a learning curve, but this one is shorter than most. This is one more tool, not THE answer to permanence for children and youth.