

# SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH - ELGIN

CUSTOMIZED EVALUATION

SUPPORTS (CES) PROFILES

SOUTHWEST HUB

## ORGANIZATION NAME

Salvation Army Community  
Alternatives for Youth - Elgin

## PROGRAM NAME

Create Your Skate

## STEPPING UP THEMES

- Education, Training & Apprenticeships
- Diversity, Social Inclusion & Safety

## PROGRAM TARGET POPULATION

- Youth in conflict with the law

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Outreach to youth
- Safety Awareness
- Team Building
- Developing Pro-Social Skills
- Cultivate Creativity
- Providing one-week skateboard building workshops to build practical skills

**“I have some clients that have been through the program, and one in particular when you talk to him, his passion is skateboarding and he’s had a rough go of things and to see him talk about it, he loves that board and uses it every day.”**

**THE SALVATION ARMY IN CANADA** provides direct, compassionate, hands-on service and restores hope and dignity to society’s most vulnerable. The **Community Alternatives for Youth Program in Elgin County** works with youth at risk to develop meaningful, timely and effective community based measures to support accountability, reintegration and justice in the community.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Create Your Skate program offers a one-week program for youth (aged 12-17) to learn woodworking and art skills through building their own skateboard. The purpose of the program is getting youth involved with pro-social activities, learning basic woodworking skills, building self-esteem and empowering the youth, helping them understand they can create things.



## WHAT ARE YOUR EVALUATION HOPES AND DREAMS?

“It would be nice to get something together about the program explaining why we do it, this is what we hope is happening...and how do we know what things that we need to add.” We also needed to develop a program plan and logic model to map out what the goals of the program are beyond making a skateboard.



## WHAT ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION?

“We want to measure if the self-esteem of the youth is increasing. Are they learning pro-social skills? Are they becoming more patient?” If we can understand these outcomes, our evaluation will be successful.



## HOW WILL YOUTH BE INVOLVED IN THE EVALUATION?

We wanted to have something other than a questionnaire. “I wonder if we could do something arts-based...If you got the big brown wallpaper and put it up for a week and then section it out into days and every day that they came in they could write a word or two and when they left they could write a word or two and at the end of the week you will have an evaluation for every single day.”

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