

Elm Street Parent Survey

Complete Results

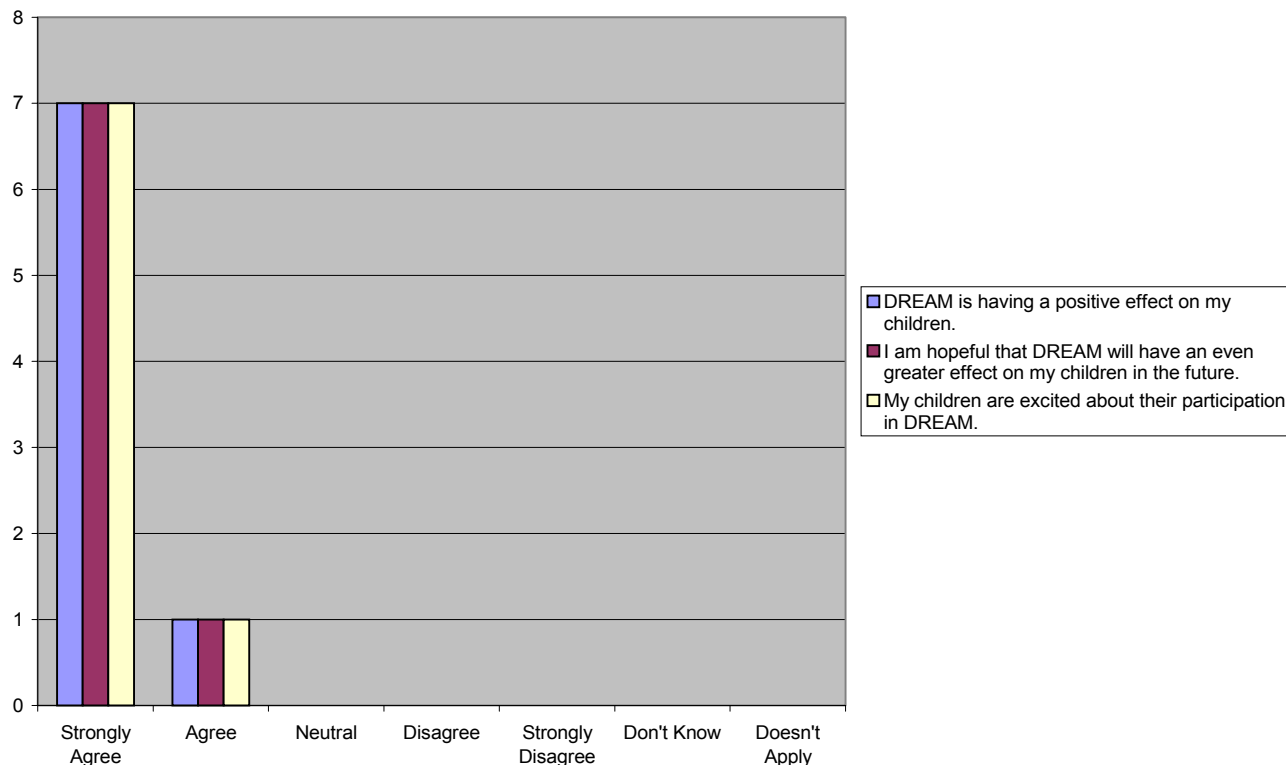
This packet contains the unfiltered results of the survey conducted with the parents of the Elm Street Apartments in Winooski Vermont in August of 2002. The intent of the survey was to gather, in a broad sense, the sentiment of parents of DREAM participants: both their current satisfaction with the program and their hope for the future of the program.

The survey was presented to parents in all eight of the families that participated in DREAM at the time of the survey. In households with two parents, the parents decided between themselves who would fill out the survey. The survey results were anonymous, and the parents were given the option to fill out the survey outside of the presence of the person conducting the survey. Three of the eight parents declined this option. The participants were instructed to be completely honest in their answers and feedback.

All eight families had returned their surveys at the time this summary was produced. All of the responses and comments received are included in this summary.

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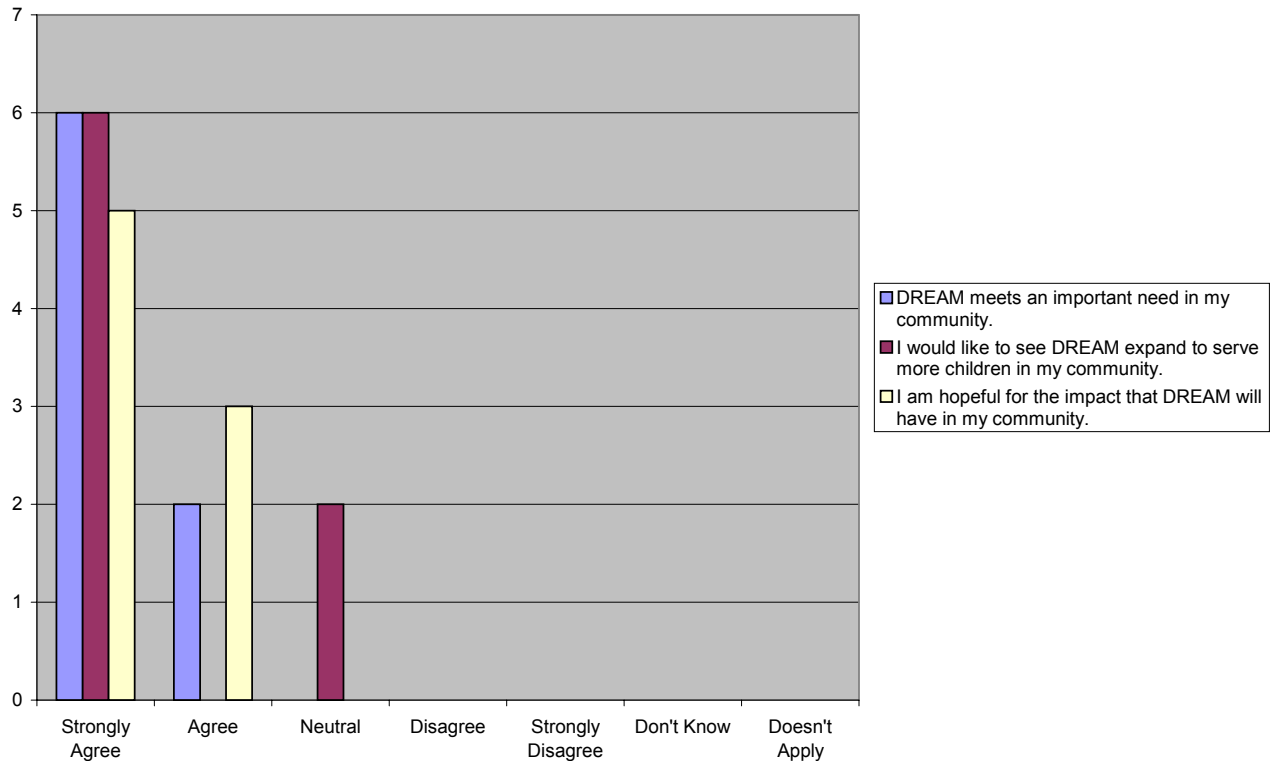


Comments about DREAM's effect on my children:

- “They can’t wait until Friday when they can get out and do different things and enjoy the one on one time also.”
- “I think it is having a great effect on my kids.”
- “Depends on the activities and trips planned.” (*In reference to the statement, “My children are excited about their participation in DREAM”*)
- “My children that attend DREAM love going and participating in the activities.”
- "The program really seems to help foster the children’s self-esteem and teaches them how to build positive peer relationships. The mentors are positive role models for all kids."
- “Has lifted their self esteem. Gave them someone to do stuff with.”
- “They are excited about it and look forward to DREAM time.”
- “My kids left happy came back happy and ready for the next visit happy. That’s more than I could ask!”

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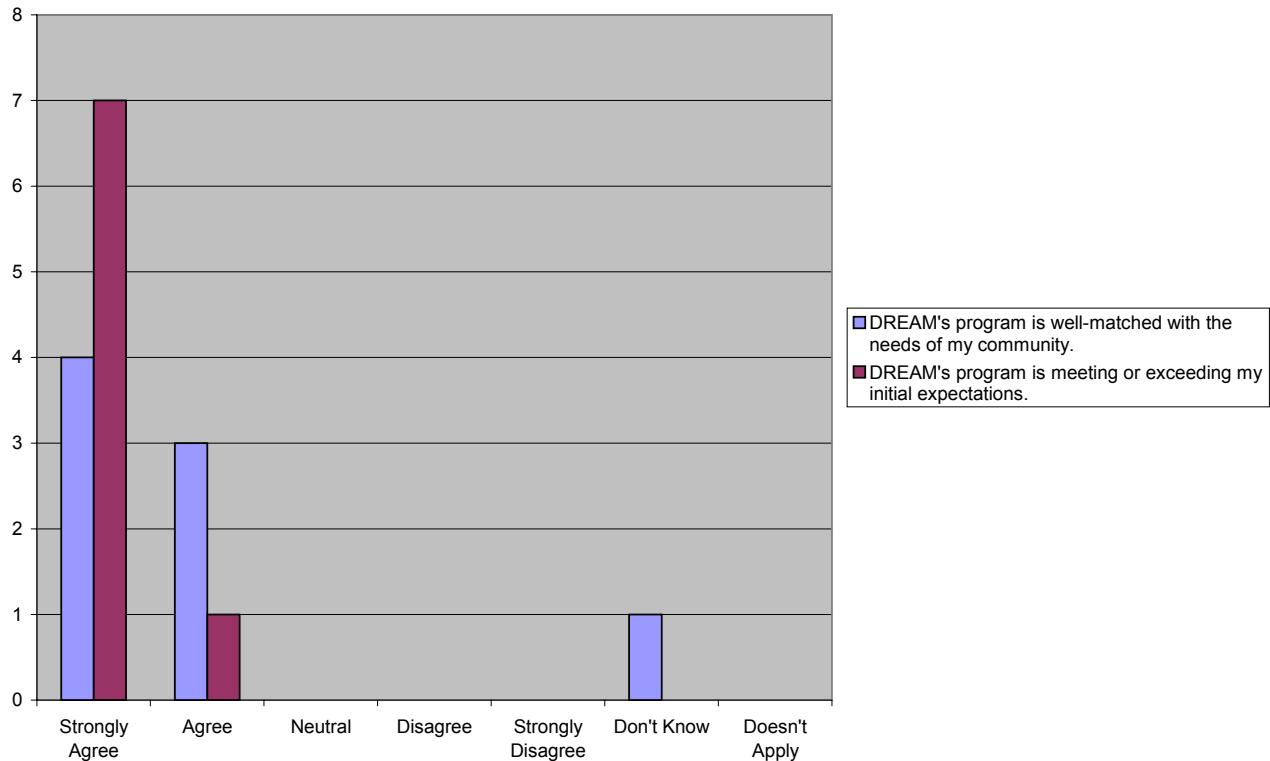


Comments about DREAM's effect on my community:

- “Very good for the children to get out and have some good fun with great people.”
- “The bigger it gets, the better it will be for the community.”
- “This is a great program that gives the kids involvement in a broader 'sense of the word.'”
- “All the children have nothing but positive things to say about the program.”
- "DREAM seems to have such an enormous effect in our little neighborhood. We've seen the kids doing more constructive things rather than destructive. I think DREAM could make a tremendous difference if it expands to the entire community of Winooski."
- “Kids aren't getting in trouble so much with having someone to do stuff with.”
- “DREAM membership is fast becoming a coveted seat in our community.”
- “As far as the community goes, I would say take and get more mentors before expanding. But it sounds good as long as the impact on the kids is as good.”

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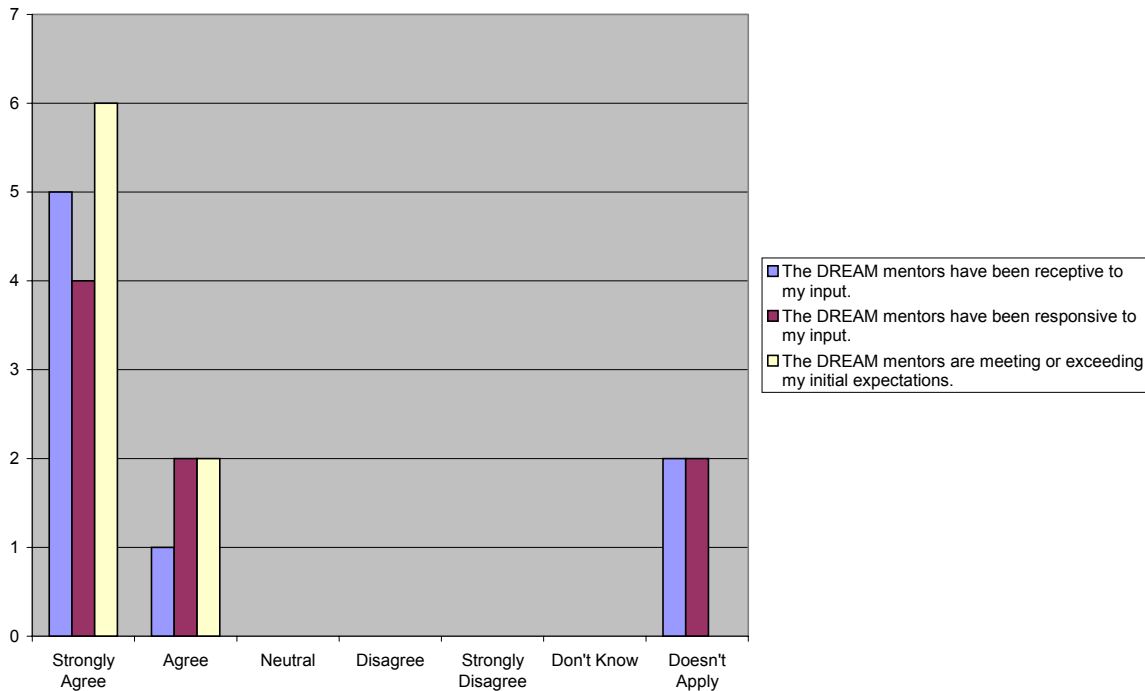


Comments about the program:

- “The program is good for the kids down here. A lot of the kids only have one parent so it’s a good thing to have.”
- “DREAM in Winooski is a great place, a lot of single parents and lower income family’s.”
- "I think DREAM is just what the kids need to help become responsible teens and adults. I think it's great that it combines all ages from elementary to jr. high. I really hope that the program will continue to expand."
- “It’s the best and the people are very nice.”
- “I had different expectations at different points neutral as first then agree then they seem to go that extra mile the kids know they were going to be there—strongly agree.”

The Mentors

The Mentors



Comments about the mentors:

- “They are great! All they kids love them and they are very patient.”
- “They have been a great role model to the kids. God bless them. They’re perfect.”
- “I have not had to give any input. But all things surrounding the program are positive.” *(In reference to an NA response to the statements, “The DREAM mentors have been receptive to my input,” and “The DREAM mentors have been responsive to my input.”)*
- "Aaron has been such a positive role model, especially for our son. I really feel that he and the other DREAM mentors are filling the need for the children of Winooski and especially the middle school students. The mentors seem to relate well to the wide age ranges in our family; from our 7 year-old to our 14 year-old son."
- “This is the best program for my kids because they’re always bored—it’s lifted their self-esteem, gave them something to look forward to. I really hope they continue this program because with a large family sometimes I don’t get the time with them and DREAM is wonderful! I really hope they continue.”
- “My daughter was in a play this summer and all she cared about was that Jackie was there. All of her relatives were there, as always, but it meant the world to her that Jackie came. The mentors already mean so much to my children.”
- “I really didn’t meet any of them so I believe from what my kids say they’re great.”