



## Research Highlight

**Article:** “Classroom to Community: Reflections on the Youth Leadership and Civic Activism Project”

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### Highlights:

- CARTA created and implemented the Youth Leadership and Civic Activism Project (YLCAP) at Baltimore Freedom Academy
- The project focused on civic activism and community involvement
- Students learned about participatory action research, learned about local issues first hand by working with local agencies, and came up with action plans about how to address certain issues
- Students identified local issues that they were interested in and then were placed with agencies working on those issues; issues included homelessness, community conditions, HIV/AIDS, literacy, mental health, and teen pregnancy
- The YLCAP program is being integrated into Baltimore Freedom Academy’s curriculum, even as CARTA’s involvement is being phased out
- CARTA is working to make the YLCAP curriculum available to schools and community organizations everywhere

### For more information:

- The full article is posted on TASI’s website under resources and studies
- CARTA has information about the program on their website, at <http://www.cartainc.org/youthengagement.html>