



WINGS Theory of Change

How WINGS transforms kids' lives

Our Mission

Kids growing up in poverty often miss out on life lessons – how to behave well, make good decisions, build healthy relationships.

WINGS instills those missing life lessons by weaving a comprehensive social and emotional education into a fresh and fun after school program.

Kids get the life lessons they need to succeed and be happy - and they get a safe place to call home after school.



Direct Impact

Kids receive a comprehensive social and emotional education within an after school program for 2 years or more



Kids have high social and emotional skills



They utilize social and emotional skills in every day life
They show a high attachment to school



Kids graduate from high school, stay out of jail and avoid teenage parenthood



They have a good chance of success and happiness

Indirect Impact

WINGS advocates on the national level for social and emotional education. As a result:

- Thought leaders and policy makers envision and enact better policies to provide social and emotional education
- WINGS' best practices for social and emotional learning spread to parents, teachers and throughout the field of education and youth development

WINGS trains college students to teach social and emotional skills to kids. As a result:

- More college students pursue careers in education and youth development.
- The social and emotional skills of college students develop; their chances for success, happiness and leadership increase.