

# eliminating racism empowering women ywca

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To: Dr. Ruth Bragman  
Phillip Roy

Dear Dr. Bragman,

It was so nice to speak with you today. Your enthusiasm for your work is wonderful. Enclosed you will find the statistics we discussed. I should mention that the student identities do not necessarily remain the same for each test. If you have any further questions, feel free to call me at any time.

I was pleased with the materials that came with the program. Some of it was adjusted to meet the needs of the women living here at the YWCA of Youngstown. It seemed to work out very well. At first there was some resistance as there is with many new requirements in a program such as ours. Upon completing the first section, the women saw that their knowledge improved as evidenced by test scores. They changed their attitude quite a bit. Of the three sections we used, they seemed to enjoy the consumerism section most. This section evoked the greatest response from the women in the form of questions and comments relating to the subject matter.

Thank you for your continuing interest in your customers.

Sincerely,



Betty Patterson  
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## Results Pre/Post Test Scores Section 1 – 2004

Subject:	# Wrong Pretest	# Wrong Post-Test	Change	t-state	p
<b>Social</b>	-7.6	-5.7	1.9	-2.22*	.02
<b>Consumerism</b>	-12.9	-9.5	3.4	-3.82**	.00
<b>Employability</b>	-8.3	-4.8	3.5	-4.49**	.00

\* significant beyond the .05 level

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## Discussion

**Social Skills:** Of the 16 women who started the Social Skills course, 14 (93%) completed it. Of those completing, 11 (79%) improved their understanding of the material as shown by higher test scores on the post-test. Three (21%) had lower post-test scores and two (14%) had the same scores for the pretest and post-tests. One (7%) woman scored high enough on the pretest that she was not required to take the post-test. Overall there was a gain in scores of 1.9 which was significant beyond the .05 level.

**Consumerism Skills:** Of the 14 women who started on Consumerism, 79% (11) finished it. Of those 11, 91% (10) improved their understanding of the course by test scores and only one (7%) went down in her score. There were two (15%) who moved before finishing the classes and there was one (7%) who did not take the pre or post-test. There were three (27%) women who scored high enough on the pretest that they were not required to take the post-test. Overall there was a gain in scores of 3.4 which was significant beyond the .01 level.

**Employability Skills:** Of the nine women completing the Employability course, 78% (8) improved their understanding of the classes as seen by the improved test scores. One woman's score was the same for the pre and post-test. One woman scored well enough on the pretest that she was not required to take the post-test. Overall there was a gain in scores of 4.49 which was significant beyond the .01 level.

**Summary:** There were significant gains in scores in all three areas.