



If you would be interested in considering a performance by the **REALITY** Troupe at your site, or would like to inquire about an audition, please call Kim Kohler at (847)537-6677.

If desired, we can arrange for you to view a scheduled performance. Sample videos are also available.

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What People are Saying:

Troupe Member

"Being a volunteer with **REALITY** has actually been a different experience than what I expected. Instead of only 'teaching' other people, I have learned a lot about myself. I also realized that I have the ability to move people, and that being part of a troupe that affects others is a truly great feeling."

Troupe Member

"I think it's good volunteering in **REALITY** because it shows people that Hispanics do help out. It feels good knowing you're helping."

School Teacher

"Wow! Your program was exceptional. I want to book you for next year as soon as possible."

Female Teen from Youth Shelter

"Thank you for letting us come to your play. The play brought back a lot of memories, and helped me see how I could solve them. This was one of the best plays I've been to. You really know how to show emotions and reality in an act."



Get a dose of...

The **REALITY** Troupe

a teen issues theatre troupe



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The **REALITY Troupe**, a gathering of 10-15 talented and concerned youth from Chicago's Northwest suburban area, offers a very real dramatic interpretation of some of the difficult decisions and struggles adolescents are faced with today.

REALITY began early in 1994. The cast members have developed an array of short plays and improvisational skits with collaboration from various school officials, drama specialists and OMNI social workers. The focus is to "strike at the heart" of current teen issues in a language, both humorous and serious, that youth can understand. Their program is available for performance at local junior and senior high schools, youth shelters, religious institutions and community events.

REALITY'S Performance Highlights

"A Typical Day of Hassles"

Issues:
Normalizing teen issues, self-esteem.

We see a teen go through a typical day full of hassles at home, school, work and shopping.

"Making an Impression"

Issues:
Acceptance, relationships, peer pressure, AToD, parental responsibility, sexual harassment and AIDS.

A teenage girl starts out with a date going to a party and is confronted with decisions about alcohol, acceptance and sex.

"Cleanin' My Mirror"

Issues:
Eating disorders, body image issues, warning signs, how to help, self-esteem.

A teenage girl in denial tries to hide her anorexic behavior. When a friend suspects she's in trouble, we see how the friend connects school staff and family to intervene.

"Should I Join?"

Issues:
Gangs, workaholic parents, neglect, anger management, attention seeking, decision-making and communication.

A "wannabe" male freshman becomes involved with a gang and must decide whether or not to officially join.

"More Reasons to Live"

Issue:
Suicide

A teenage male is contemplating suicide and we see his dream of what the reactions of his family and friends would be if he did so. Scene ends when he wakes and calls a supportive friend.

"Quick Skits"

Briefly constructed, short improvisational skits/role plays on issues such as driving with a parent for the first time, rumors, stealing, ways that friends show disrespect, communication, a typical school dance, using steroids, and more.