

# EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT

AMADEUSZ  
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# about

## Amadeusz

Amadeusz is a charitable organization that has been operating in Toronto since 2009.

Mission: Amadeusz supports young people who are incarcerated to create positive change in their lives through access to education, community programs and supports, mentorship and exceptional care.

Vision: Creating a future with equitable access to education and community support.

## Education Program

The Amadeusz education program supports young people aged 18 to 35 in working towards their educational goals. The goal of this program is to provide young people who are incarcerated with the opportunity, resources, and support to complete their high school education and to explore, prepare for, and attend post-secondary schooling.

The Amadeusz education program has two streams of programming: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) completion and post-secondary.

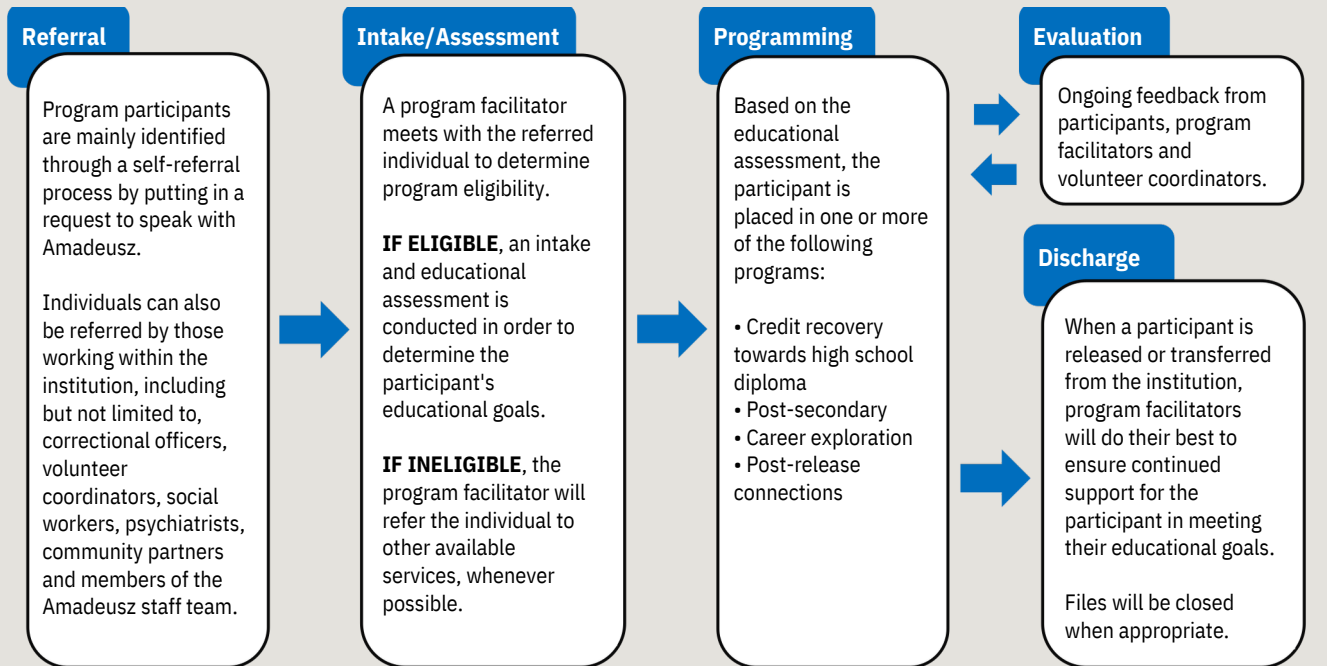


# logic model

**PROGRAM GOAL:** To provide the opportunity for young people who are incarcerated to obtain their high school and/or post-secondary education.

Program Plan				Outcome Plan		Measurement Plan			
Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Target Group	Outcome Statements		Success Indicator	Outcome Measurement Tools	Evaluation Design	
<i>Resources, Budget Lines</i>	<i>Activities, Tasks, and Strategies</i>	<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>Client Group, Sample, or Community</i>			<i>Evidence of Success</i>	<i>Surveys; Standardized Tests; Other Measures</i>	<i>Data Measurement Design</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding</li> <li>- Manager oversees all aspects of program</li> <li>- Research consultants assigned to oversee research and evaluation of program</li> <li>- Program facilitators assigned to group and one-on-one setting in specific detention centres</li> <li>- Books and supplies</li> <li>- Examination</li> <li>- Administration costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intake and assessment</li> <li>- Goal setting and education planning</li> <li>- Group/one-on-one instruction</li> <li>- Research and evaluation</li> <li>- Information management and reporting</li> <li>- Team meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaborate with detention centres and MCSC</li> <li>- Individual assessments</li> <li>- Individual and group instruction: clear and consistent facilitation practices</li> <li>- Post-release connections for participants</li> <li>- Documentation completed: participant statistics, reports, evaluation documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth residing in detention centres aged 18 to 35</li> <li>- Participants at each detention centre</li> <li>- Two detention centres in Ontario:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Toronto South</li> <li>o Toronto East</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Short-Term Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth demonstrated improvement in:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o literacy</li> <li>o math skills</li> <li>o problem-solving</li> <li>o positive social skills</li> <li>o self-confidence</li> <li>o attitude towards education</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Mid-Term Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational attainment among incarcerated population</li> </ul>	<b>Long-Term Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successful reintegration into society</li> <li>- Recidivism rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obtainment of high school education</li> <li>- Increase education levels, literacy skills, math skills and social skills self-confidence reported among participants</li> <li>- Decrease recidivism rates and incidents within detention centres continuing education post-release</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance records</li> <li>- Observation</li> <li>- Feedback</li> <li>- Case files/case notes</li> <li>- Surveys completed by participants, correctional facility, liaisons, and program staff</li> <li>- Interviews</li> <li>- Participant satisfaction questionnaires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participatory pre-test and post-test</li> <li>- File reviews</li> <li>- Education reports</li> <li>- Key informants, stakeholders (i.e., funders, volunteers), participants and project staff</li> </ul>

# flow chart



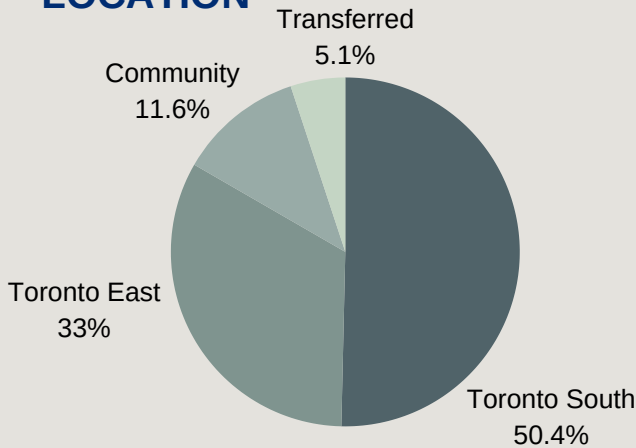
**Program eligibility is based on the following criteria:**

- **High School Stream** - 18 to 35 years old, has not yet completed their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- **Post-Secondary Stream** - 18 to 35 years old, has previously completed high school, is a transfer student

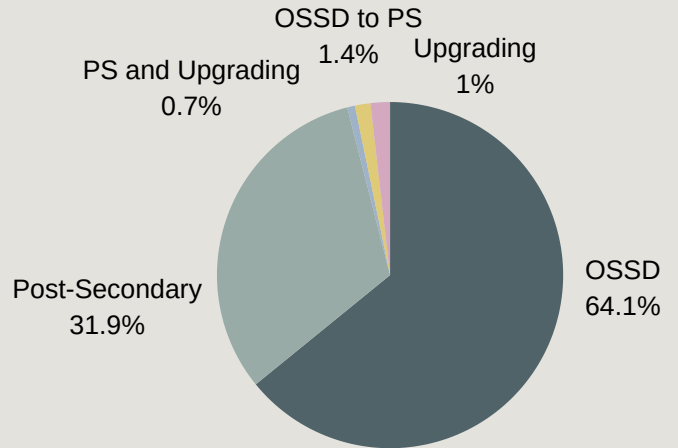
# demographics

This demographic data is based on **276 participants** in the high school completion and post-secondary education program streams at the Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, other institutions across Canada, and in community between **January 1st, 2024 and December 31st, 2024**.

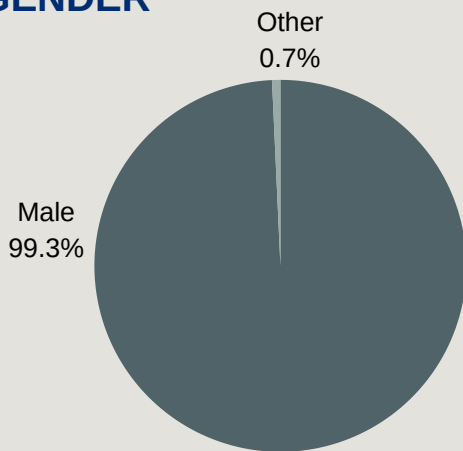
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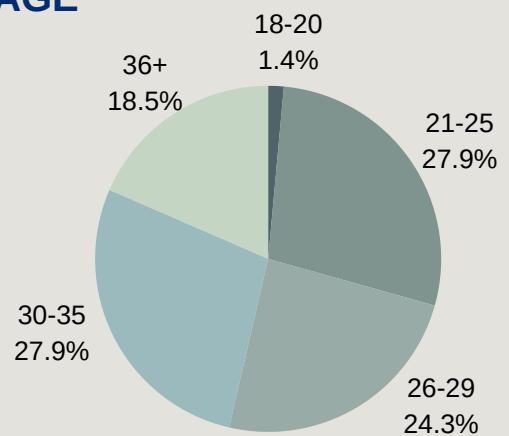
## PROGRAM STREAM



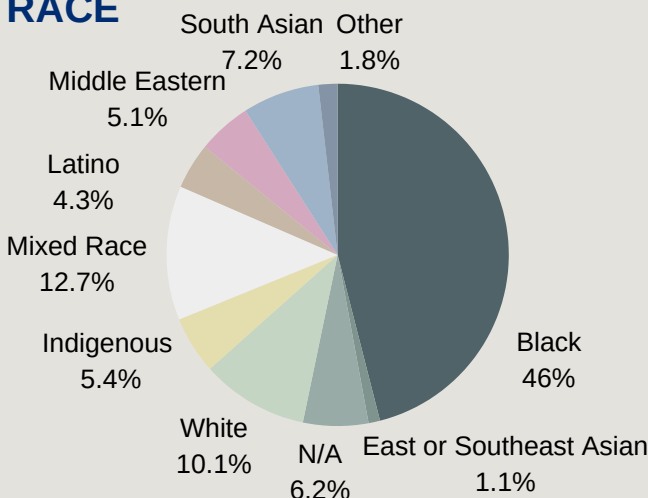
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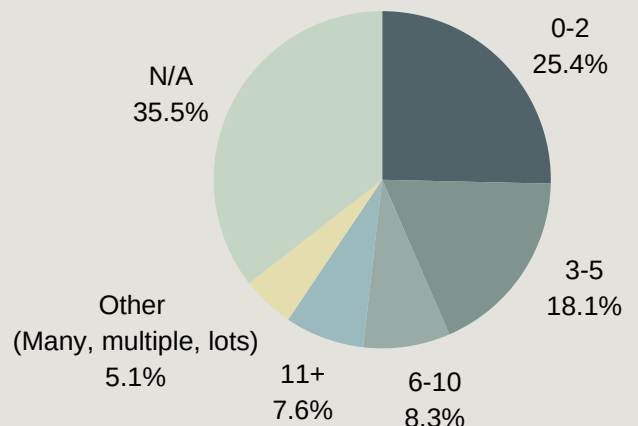
## AGE



## RACE



## TIMES CHARGED



# statistics

January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024

# 276

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Individuals who enrolled in a high school or post-secondary course through Amadeusz programming offered at any of Amadeusz's program sites.

# 757

## TOTAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE SERVED

Individuals who received educational support from Amadeusz, which may involve obtaining educational transcripts, providing education-based research, textbooks, or other materials, or facilitating referrals to other programs or agencies.

# 1033

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVICED

Combined total number of program participants and additional people served.

# ontario secondary school diploma

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) stream of programming provides participants access to high school credit courses through various partnerships. Participants are given the opportunity to complete print-based courses to work towards obtaining their high school diploma.

**Location:** Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, In Community

**354**

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSES REGISTERED IN**

**269**

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSES COMPLETED**

**1153**

**PLAR CREDITS GRANTED**

**66**

**OSSD ACHIEVED**

*"I never thought I would get my OSSD since the last time I was in school. The Amadeusz program gave me a second chance to get my high school diploma."*

# post-secondary

The post-secondary stream of programming facilitates access to college and university courses and certificates through established partnerships with post-secondary institutions. This avenue provides participants the chance to pursue college certificates through print-based courses or to fulfill courses that can be transferred to their existing post-secondary education.

**Location:** Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre, In Community, Transferred

134

**POST-SECONDARY COURSES REGISTERED**

89

**POST-SECONDARY COURSES COMPLETED**

9

**POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS COMPLETED**

*"I plan to finish both my college programs. Thanks to Amadeusz I know I will have the support to do so, no matter where I am."*



# survey findings

In 2024, **130 program participants** filled out a survey after completing a high school or post-secondary course through the Amadeusz education program. These surveys consisted of quantitative and qualitative questions that allowed participants to reflect on their experience in the program.

Here are some of our notable findings.

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## Did the program help you to improve your problem-solving, decision making, and critical thinking skills?

“It helped me improve my time management skills and also my critical thinking”

“As I was completing my independent homework, there were times where I would struggle solving problems and almost give up, but then I would push myself and eventually find the answer. I felt smart. I felt proud.”

**Yes - 95.4%**

**No - 3.1%**

**N/A - 1.5%**

## Did the program help you to develop education or employment goals and know the steps needed to work towards these goals?

“There is no staff more dedicated to supporting your academic & future employment goals.”

“I plan to finish both my college programs. Thanks to Amadeusz I know I will have the support to do so, no matter where I am.”

**Both - 70.8%**

**Education - 23.1%**

**Employment - 2.3%**

**N/A - 3.8%**

## survey findings

### Did the program give you a more positive outlook on your experience with education and school?

"Looking back, my experience with school wasn't the greatest and having attended "in school" adult education proved useless. But after completing one credit and then the next I was proud because I could maintain and apply my focus in my school work."

"I used to not take school serious and now Amadeusz made me realize that I can achieve big things through education."

"I always feel proud of myself whenever I talk to Amadeusz staff because they make me feel proud of my achievements."

### Did the program allow you to form a bond with your program facilitator?

"I have learned to build relationship with my teachers to learn from them."

"What I often tell people is how dedicated the team is to seeing us succeed, how they make it easy and will do all they can for us."

"That the people who work with me care as much as they do and want to help me succeed."

### Did the program help to give you a sense of purpose?

"I've completed all my high school and now feel like I've achieve something great in my life. I feel proud of myself."

"Amadeusz has helped me by giving me the chance to create a better future for myself and build a stronger foundation for my life."

**Yes - 96.9%**

**No - 3.1%**

**Yes - 96.2%**

**No - 3.8%**

**Yes - 97.7%**

**No - 1.5%**

**N/A - 0.8%**

# program impact

"I wanted to pursue education while incarcerated because I've realized it is much needed in the free world and prevents further incarceration."

"I wanted to be with this program due to the lack of resources I had in the past for school and also the momentum the teachers gave me as well."

"The program motivated me and encouraged me when I needed it most."

"This program is a well needed program in this institution. Amadeusz provides the support and guidance to salvage us through these times of hardship which is very well appreciated."

"The Amadeusz program helps people transition back into educational thinking."

"Amadeusz has helped me tremendously. From the county to the federal system and halfway across the country. I have been able to continue my education, reducing my chances of recidivism."

"There's nothing more enriching, nothing more creative and nothing more useful one can do with their time than to participate in this program. It's benefits are invaluable."

"I like the gracious and benevolent heart of the Amadeusz program, that affords inmates the opportunity to enrich themselves with knowledge and materials to make better use of their time."

"This education program has helped me change my views on my career path and my overall outlook on life itself."

"The Amadeusz education program has helped me by opening and giving me the options and opportunity to be able to pursue education."

# program highlights

## Graduation Ceremonies

In 2024, Amadeusz celebrated 52 program participants in six (6) graduation ceremonies at the Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention Centre. 49 of these participants graduated with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), one (1) graduated with their Addictions Work: Professional Practice Skills certificate from Centennial College, and two (2) graduated with their Business Management - Marketing certificate from Centennial College. These ceremonies included speeches, cap-and-gown photos, special meals, personalized cards, and graduation cookies generously donated by [@KatieBakesTO](#). Graduation ceremonies allow for Amadeusz program participants to be celebrated for all of their tremendous accomplishments.



# program highlights

## New and Continuing Partnerships

In 2024, Amadeusz developed a new partnership with Mohawk College's City School, which provided Amadeusz post-secondary participants with access to two (2) free college credit courses: College 101 and Positive Psychology. 13 program participants registered in these courses in 2024.

Amadeusz has continued to partner with Durham Catholic District School Board to provide access to paper-based high school credit courses and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) assessment. We have also continued to strengthen our partnerships with post-secondary institutions, including Centennial College, Northern College, and Toronto Metropolitan University, to expand access to a variety of paper-based post-secondary level courses.

## Evaluation

In 2024, The Students Commission of Canada (SCC) completed an evaluation for Amadeusz through our partnership with Catapult Canada. Amadeusz worked with SCC to select relevant data collection tools, which were then completed by Amadeusz education program participants. Amadeusz provided \$30.00 gift cards to all program participants who completed this survey. This data was sent to SCC in June of 2024, and an evaluation report was produced in October of 2024. You can find this on our website under [Program Evaluation Reports](#).

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# program highlights

## Community Support

The Amadeusz education program continued to provide support to individuals being released from incarceration. In 2024, Amadeusz supported 37 education program participants in continuing their high school or post-secondary courses upon their release to the community. We were able to provide five (5) individuals with laptops to support them with completing their school work, and assisted three (3) individuals in getting OSAP funding for their further post-secondary programming. In addition, the Amadeusz education program supported 29 individuals who were referred by an outside source with obtaining their transcript and/or connecting them to other adult education resources in the GTA and beyond.

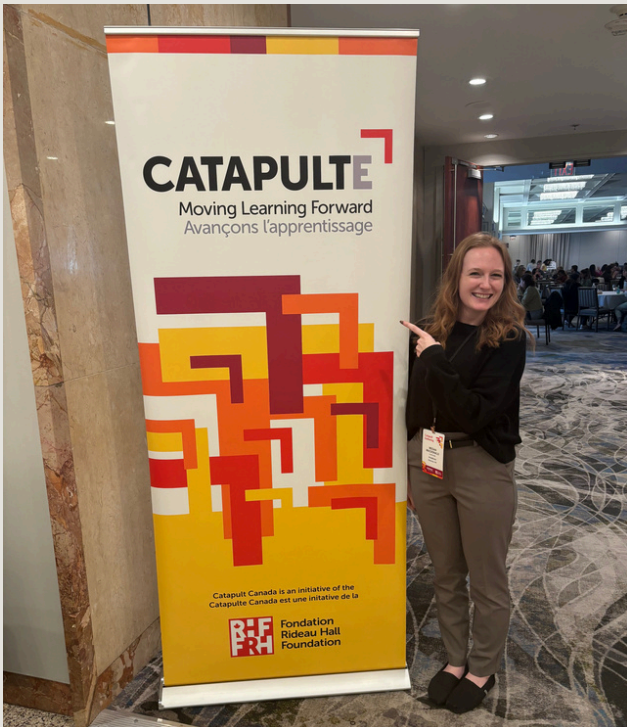
In November 2024, the Ware Malcomb team in Vaughan generously donated winter warmth kits for individuals who are being released from incarceration. These kits included hats, gloves, hand warmers, a Tim Horton's gift card, and more. Amadeusz has provided these kits to program participants as they are being released to the community.



# program highlights

## Catapult Gathering

In November of 2024, two members of the Amadeusz education team attended the 2024 Catapult Gathering which took place in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It was a week of connection, meaningful discussion, brainstorming, and relationship building with some amazing changemakers from around Canada who are all working towards a future with greater access to education for young people. We want to thank the Rideau Hall Foundation and the Catapult Canada team for putting together such a transformative event.



# circle of support

As we reflect on 2024, Amadeusz is deeply grateful for the incredible generosity and commitment of our donors, partners, and supporters. Your contributions and advocacy have been instrumental in helping us deliver impactful programs and services. To our participants – the heart and soul of everything we do – thank you for inspiring us with your resilience and determination. Together, we continue to create meaningful change and brighter futures.



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## how to contribute

All donations go towards Amadeusz programs which providing opportunities, resources and supports to young people creating positive change in their lives.

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