Quantitative Data

We gather demographic and attendance data from those who participate in our programs as well as visitors. Here’s who we typically serve:
Qualitative Evaluations

We study the impact OFFCenter has on people’s lives by regularly conducting qualitative surveys. We seek to learn more about the impact of our studio environment, materials, arts education, outreach, staff, and services.

We always keep one survey question out and available for people to answer and anonymously, if they prefer. We ask:

“How does OFFCenter make a difference in your life?”

Here’s a representative sample of responses, the overwhelming majority of which reflect the positive impact OFFCenter has on people.

“Healing trauma in a safe place. Thank you!”

“My daughter suffers from a form of agoraphobia. This is one of the places she feels comfortable coming to. Thanks, OFFCenter”

“It gives me a safe and awesome place to hang out. It brings peace into my life. It helps to keep my depression at bay. I like that they give all these cool free lessons (like the guitar and knitting classes). It’s a great environment to work, play and hangout for all ages and different social classes. Yet everyone comes together and enjoys each other’s company.
— Faith K., visits “at least twice a week.”

“OFFCenter has created a central location for all types of people to come together and get to know one another through art. This space is super important to me and my life because I know I can come here to create for FREE and meet wonderful people. I feel this is a safe space and one that is open to all. I feel good coming here and it’s therapeutic, too! I’ve taken lots of inspiring classes a little or no cost which I otherwise wouldn’t have been able to take. I LOVE OFFCenter.”
— Artist who claims to come to OFFCenter “30+ (at least!)” times a year.
“I am writing this for the man I bring here. He loves his art. This place is nice for him to come to. He does draw at home, but it's good for him to get out. Otherwise, he will watch movies or sports on his TV. I am so happy he has a place to come. The people who come here seem to be good people. I think the people who open the doors, volunteer their time. Good people. Thank God for them.”
— Caregiver

“OFFCenter helps mommy feel better.”

“I am inspired by other artists, it enhanced my life, fills me with joy, allows me a space to show and sell my crafts. good people!”

“I come to OFFCenter for company and to seek friendship, to be of service, to be part of artist community.”
—94-year-old artist who visits OFFCenter more than 20x/year.

“I'm on disability and sometimes never go out of my apartment. OFFCenter helps me to get out around people and have a good time, learn skills in a safe, low cost atmosphere.”

“OFFCenter helps improve the quality of my life and those of my clients. I bring people with developmental disabilities here and they can make art. Most important, they feel welcome and accepted. The existence of this center fulfills requirements by NM Dept. of Health which requires people with disabilities to be integrated with the community. Also, it improves the quality of the neighborhood where I live!”
— Artist who visits OFFCenter 12 times a year