Youth Genesee Serves (YGS) Training

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Introductions

- Your Name
- Your Organization
- Your Role With Youth

What’s your favorite volunteer memory?
Who We Are

Thank you to our funder:

New Initiative:

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Training Objectives

- Making the case for youth service
- How to engage youth: co-piloting
- What does a successful service project look like?
- Next steps
Why Youth Service?

- Young people are more likely to volunteer when engaged through schools and organizations.
- Young people are uniquely suited to solve problems through service.
- High quality service-learning paired with academic engagement.
- Volunteering improves career and workforce readiness.
- Promotes 21st century skills.
21st Century skills for students

**Foundational Literacies**
- 1. Literacy
- 2. Numeracy
- 3. Scientific literacy
- 4. ICT literacy
- 5. Financial literacy
- 6. Cultural and civic literacy

**Competencies**
- 7. Critical thinking/problem-solving
- 8. Creativity
- 9. Communication
- 10. Collaboration

**Character Qualities**
- 11. Curiosity
- 12. Initiative
- 13. Persistence/grit
- 14. Adaptability
- 15. Leadership
- 16. Social and cultural awareness
The 4 Cs

The 4 Cs are essential skills that students need to be college and career ready.

What are they?

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
Creativity and Innovation
Communication
Collaboration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0WcHZzDov0
How to engage youth

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:
Ask youth to think about the issue, why it is so important to address, why they care about it, and what they can do about it.

Creativity/Innovation:
Encourage creativity, originality, new ideas and ways of doing things.

Collaboration:
Promote effective teamwork, shared responsibility, flexibility, valuing the work of others.

Communication:
Provide youth with opportunities to write about and speak about their project – to other students, the community, media, and public officials.
Let’s Pause........

- Are you convinced?
- Is youth service important? Why?
- Thoughts?
How to engage youth: Be the Co-Pilot!
Adult as the Co-Pilot

- Encourage creativity
- Stretch them out of comfort zone
- Inclusive to all students
- Safety/liability
Youth as the Pilot
Engaging Youth: Find Your Spark and Your Strengths
How to engage youth: YSA Hungry Warrior Video

- https://youtu.be/4-ihuWzCCw4
Spark + Fire + ASAP Activity

Name -

Strength (Spark):

Cause (Fire):

Action Strategy:
- Awareness
- Service
- Advocacy
- Philanthropy
Making Project Meaningful

- Include others / make it bigger

- How do you take a project like a food drive, and amplify its impact?
  - Impact on community
  - Impact on youth as agents of change
What Does a Successful Project Look Like?
Youth Spotlight #1 – Flint NW High School
Next Steps...

- Sign and turn in letter of intent
- Begin brainstorming with youth
- Coordinate TA sessions with Genesee Serves staff
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