# Youth Genesee Serves (YGS) Training

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YOUTH GENESEE SERVES



Introductions

Your Name
Your Organization
Your Role With Youth

# What's your favorite volunteer memory?

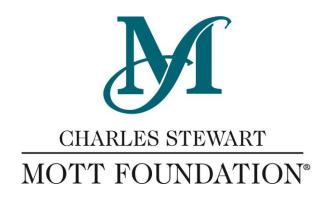
### Who We Are



United Way of Genesee County Serving Genesee and Shiawassee Counties



Thank you to our funder:





Youth Changing the World

New Initiative:



# **Training Objectives**

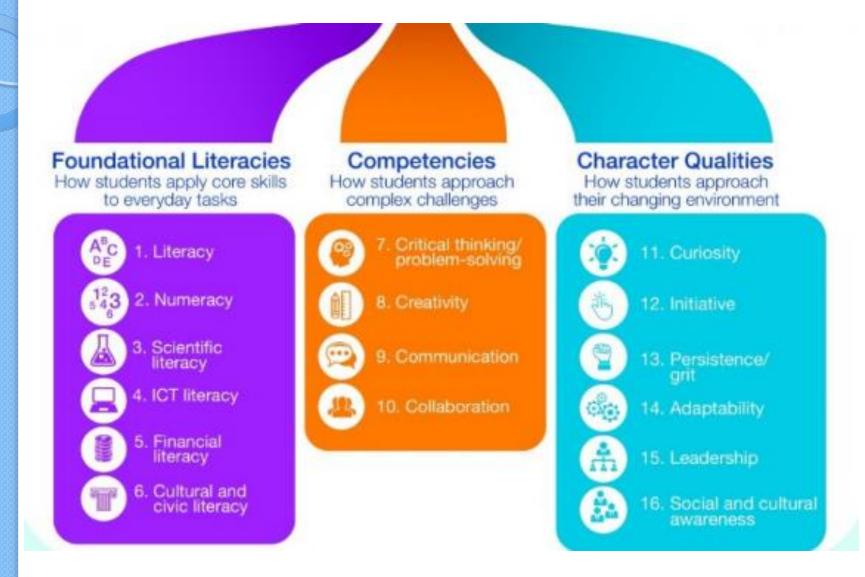
- Making the case for youth service
- How to engage youth: co-piloting
- What does a successful service project look like?

• 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 21<sup>st</sup> century skills

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills for students





### 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=B0WcH ZzDov0

# 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



### • 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: <u>Awareness</u> <u>Service</u> <u>Advocacy</u> 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 #I – Flint NW High School



### Youth Spotlight #2 – Bendle Middle 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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