



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

**GENESEE
SERVES**

YSA | Youth
Changing
the World
YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA

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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

How students apply core skills to everyday tasks



1. Literacy



2. Numeracy



3. Scientific literacy



4. ICT literacy



5. Financial literacy



6. Cultural and civic literacy

Competencies

How students approach complex challenges



7. Critical thinking/
problem-solving



8. Creativity



9. Communication



10. Collaboration

Character Qualities

How students approach their changing environment



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 –	
	<p>Strength (Spark): _____</p> <p>Cause (Fire): _____</p> <p>Action Strategy: <u>Awareness</u> <u>Service</u> <u>Advocacy</u> <u>Philanthropy</u></p>

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



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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