



Engaging Youth in Their Communities: How Adults Can Promote Social Responsibility and Civic Action

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What will participants learn from this webinar?

Participants will learn:

- Why social responsibility (commitment to others and the greater good) and civic action (e.g., volunteering, community connections) are critical aspects of child and adolescent development;
- Malleable features of youth-adult relationships and program settings that nurture social responsibility values and civic action; and
- Concrete activities and practices for leveraging youth-adult relationships to deepen youth's community connections, voice, and social and civic commitment.

What critical findings or research is the basis for the presentation content?

This webinar will draw on data from several sources:

- The longitudinal Roots of Engaged Citizenship Project,
- A year-long mixed methods research study of opportunity youth (youth who are homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice systems, or disconnected from school and education), and
- A cross-sectional study of 25,000 youth that explores the power of developmental assets and developmental relationships in promoting civic engagement.
- Research focuses on at-risk populations of young people.

What are the implications for professionals who work with at-risk children, youth, and families?

The values and skills that undergird social responsibility and civic action in children and adolescents are nurtured and cultivated through the relationships in their lives. In addition to providing empirical support for this concept, the webinar includes practical relationship-building strategies that support youth voice and can help deepen youths' community connections.

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