

Character and Values Education: A Primer

Audience

Educators, Agency Staff, Community Leaders, Parents, Youth

Program Description

Influencing children's character development – especially concerning values that contribute to societal good – has become an important element of public schooling and community planning. Some experts even proclaim it to be a necessary component in comprehensive programs to prevent violence. Explore the issues of effective character education: How has it evolved from earlier educational initiatives? What does it look like in schools, communities, and families? How does it relate to other current youth development and educational initiatives? What skills do teachers need? What values should be taught in school? At home? In the community?

- Examine the roots of values education in American public schools!
- Discover fun ways to engage others in values discussions!
- Explore various values education theorists and learn how to use the best of from each!
- Explore how character education fits into youth development models!
- Learn from experience – assess and share how your school and community are promoting character development!

Program Content

- What is a value?
 - Louis Rath's 7 criteria to define a value
 - Transforming values confusion and inconsistency into zestful living
 - Exploring our own values in terms of Rath's criteria
- Evolution of values education
 - Inculcation - "These are the values you should have."
 - Values Clarification - "Here's a process to define your values."
 - Character Education - "These are the values society needs you to have."
 - Blending the strengths of all approaches
- School/Community Experiences that encourage values development
- Assessing what your school/community is currently doing to influence character development
- Planning to increase your influence on values and character development



Required Time:

90 Minutes – 3 Hours: Keynote or Workshop

Delighted Clients

Childcare Agencies of St. Lawrence County, Potsdam, New York
Canandaigua School Community Partnership, Canandaigua, New York
Northwest Arkansas Prevention Resource Council, Springdale, Arkansas
New York State Association of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Contact

Sally Crosiar at Healthy People, 585-396-2945, Fax 585-393-1811, Sally@healthypeople.com