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Service-Learning Coaching

Excel Youth Zone's certified service-learning training consultants will meet with you throughout the stages of your service-learning project to advise on the curriculum, connection to the community and process, project ideas, steps for implementing projects, goals, and outcomes.

Excel Youth Zone consultants will coach you from the side-lines while you are on the field with your youth. We provide materials, research and interactive support to enhance the service-learning experience for youth and both in and after school educators.

Our California Department of Education Certified Service-Learning Coaches/Trainers (<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/coaches.pdf>) will support you through any and all aspects of creating and implementing a successful service-learning project.

Coaching Support Opportunities:

- [Service-Learning Curriculum and Project Development](#)
- [Fundraising & Grant Writing for Service-Learning Projects](#)
- [General Project Support/Troubleshooting](#)
- [Community Partner Recruitment](#)
- [Service-Learning Program Administration Support](#)

With our coaching program, emphasis is on **sustainability**. Clients learn from teaming up with our experts, so even if we are facilitating a leadership training for your youth on team communication, you are observing and gaining the confidence and skills necessary to replicate our work and **lead a high-quality service-learning program on your own**.

Fees: For our coaching program, we charge \$80 per hour plus associated out-of-pocket expenses.

Please read through the summaries. If you are interested, contact [Jennifer Hamilton](mailto:jhamilton@excelyouthzone.org) jhamilton@excelyouthzone.org or (619)599-8205 ext. 2 to schedule a free phone consultation. Please include in the subject line of your email the individual coaching services you are interested in receiving.

Service-Learning Curriculum and Project Development

If you've checked out our online Service-Learning Resource Toolkit (<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/XYZResourceToolKit.doc>) and still need something that is tailored just for you, then consider enlisting one of our coaches. Each coach is a wealth of knowledge, a library of successful lesson plans and proven project ideas. We will first work with you to assess the learning and service goals you are hoping to meet with your students. We can then research relevant curricula and adapt them as needed, or even help you design an original service-learning lesson plan to meet the unique needs of your classroom or after school program.

Teachers, have no fear; we make a point of linking all service-learning lessons to California State Standards. We can help with curriculum for grades Pre-K - 12, and



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across all subjects, everything from Earth Science and Math, to English Language and Fine Arts.

Fundraising & Grant Writing for Service Projects

Wouldn't it be great if your service-learning project had the kind of funding it needed to be the stellar undertaking you and the students know it to be? But knowing the right grants to write, let alone writing them, can be a difficult undertaking. Excel Youth Zone's service-learning coaches can work with you to pinpoint the right grants and even co-author your proposal. We have extensive experience writing and managing successful youth service grants, both large-scale and small. We can also work with you and your students to find creative fundraising solutions beyond the world of grants. Whatever your need is, be it 10 cans of paint for some murals or expensive technology for a community elders oral history project, we can help find the perfect funding opportunity for your project.

General Project Support/Troubleshooting

Many adults and youth hit speed bumps during the planning process while implementing service-learning projects. If, for example, you are having difficulties motivating your youth, finding community partners or funding to support your project, we are here to coach you through. Whatever your challenge we are your helping hand, trained, experienced and ready to get you and your project back on track.

Community Partner Recruitment

Our coaches can help you brainstorm, identify and reach out to the perfect community partners for your project. We work with wondering organizations from across San Diego, the State, National and International communities that have real needs and work well with service-learning groups.

Service-Learning Program Administrative Support

Excel Youth Zone is a renowned leader in service-learning programming with over 6 years of managing our own service-learning clubs and coaching districts, schools, administrators, and organizations in how to create, implement and manage service-learning programs.

If you are administering a new service-learning program or enhancing an existing program we can help with the design of your program to maximize adult and youth partnership in implementation and employ realistic methods to obtain a sustainable program. Whether you are writing and executing a new service-learning grant or to shift your program during a change in management, we bring a big picture vision of service-learning programming that works for administrators, educators and students alike.