



STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH **EXPLORING**™

SOCIAL SERVICES

WHAT IS EXPLORING™

Exploring is all about helping young men and women in sixth grade through 20 years old to make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either: 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it; OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the right fit for them. It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows—it's about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.



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Explorers in a social services program will work with an educator to write a lesson plan, learn about a home visit that a social worker would make, facilitate a workshop at a library, shadow a college professor on a college campus, and so much more.

EXPLORERS WILL:

- Participate in hands-on projects
- Develop work experiences to begin building their résumé
- Learn important leadership skills
- Understand the importance of teamwork in a professional setting
- Network with professionals who work in these careers
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in social services

TESTIMONIALS

"I've learned a lot about leadership, planning, and communication. I want to pursue a career where I can help other people."

—ALLEN T.
EXPLORER

Without Exploring, I don't know where I would be. Exploring opened the doors to a very successful career for me.

—DANIELLE S.
EXPLORER ADVISOR

The program was helpful because it illuminated and explained the many opportunities and possibilities available in the field of social services.

—LAURA M.
EXPLORER PARENT

Learn more at www.exploring.org/social-services.

EVERYONE WINS WITH EXPLORING!

Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you offer your company, your employees, and the youth of your community.

COMPANY BENEFITS

- Cultivate and recruit future employees
- Reduce employee turnover and training expenses
- Impact the education process of youth
- Demonstrate visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Be an integral part of shaping a young man's or woman's future
- Increased opportunity for advancement within the company

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences
- Develop character and leadership skills
- Make new friends
- Obtain experiences that can be listed on college, job, and scholarship applications

SCHOOL BENEFITS

- Meet state or federal career education standards
- Partner with local businesses
- Extend the classroom beyond the school day
- Gain access to a free career interest survey

5 AREAS OF EMPHASIS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

LIFE SKILLS

CITIZENSHIP

CHARACTER EDUCATION

OUR VISION Shape the workforce of tomorrow by engaging and mentoring today's youth in career and life-enhancing opportunities.





POPULAR SOCIAL SERVICES CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Social workers
- Adult or child care attendants
- Librarians
- Volunteer workers
- Dieticians
- Drug/alcohol counselors
- Teacher and teacher aides
- Youth organization professionals
- Funeral directors
- School counselors
- College professors

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DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE