

## Keys to Successful Service Learning Projects

- Involve the opinions of your Youth Volunteers (YVs).
- Involve non-profit agencies that can help create appropriate projects and educational opportunities. (Remember, your students are not free labor to an agency partner, you are helping them – they should help you.)
- Keep up with everyone (yourself, YVs, schools, and agencies) on what is working well and what you can do to improve things that are not working well.
- Allow your YVs to plan some of the aspects of the project. (Ex: Have them call places to get contact information or take them with you to meet with a potential funder.)
- Keep things fresh and interesting by adding new reflection activities. (Ex: don't always do journaling at the end)
- Be excited that learning can take place at the same time you are addressing and helping with serious community needs!
- Collaborate with other teachers/schools/agencies to lighten the load of work.
- Set achievable goals in your project design.
- Don't forget to CELEBRATE!