



Ready for the Real World

Provide middle school-aged youth with high quality service-learning and career exploration experiences to help them connect what they learn in school to a positive future.

(11.7 million youth enrolled in grades 6-8)

Short-term Measure

Seven million middle school-aged youth participating.



Additional Benefits

- Attendance at school and enriching out-of-school activities
- Promotion to the next grade
- Assignment completion
- Civic engagement
- Avoidance of risk behaviors
(civic, social, and emotional competencies)



Long range Goal

Key to the promise of an effective education and service to others, increase the number of low-income youth who graduate from high school, pursue a productive career or college pathway and become civically engaged.



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Awareness

Build public support to expand high quality service learning and career exploration for middle school-aged youth.



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Alliance

Partner to provide youth engaging career exploration and service learning opportunities .



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Advocacy

Community-School policies and practices that provide incentives for youth to participate.



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Action

Foster youth engagement
to implement initiatives

