

Topic: A Framework for Understanding Poverty**Room: Salon A***Presenter: Rita Pierson*

This initial seminar, based on the book *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D., provides an in-depth study of information and issues that will increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of people in poverty. Topics include: how economic class affects behaviors and mindsets, why students from generational poverty often fear being educated, the "hidden rules" within economic classes, discipline interventions that improve behavior, and the eight resources that make a difference in success. Related discussions include case studies, support systems, the role of language registers, discourse patterns and story structure, and the relationship between eye movement and learning. This seminar is designed for audiences of both elementary- and secondary level educators with adaptation and application available for community, social service, and faith community audiences.

Topic: Service-Learning 101**Room: 76/77***Presenters: NYLC Youth Advisory Council*

This interactive youth-led workshop covers the basics of service-learning. Engage in discussions around definitions of service-learning. Learn about the service-learning standards. Brainstorm with fellow attendees on service-learning projects. Leave this workshop with a better understanding of service-learning and ideas on how to engage your schools and communities.

Topic: Introduction to Service-Learning**Room: 62***Presenter: Joan Liptrot*

This session will help participants distinguish the differences between service learning and community service. Engaging and lively activities will generate a multitude of possible connections between service and learning experiences. An introduction to the research based Standards for Quality Practice will also be provided. Whether you are new to service learning, looking for fresh ideas, or searching for activities to introduce others about to this exciting teaching strategy... this session has something for everyone!

Topic: Show-Me the MOney**Room: 63***Presenters: Scott Miniea*

Addressing Urgent Needs through Service and Service-Learning in a Web 2.0 World: a case study about how a resident of Joplin was able to turn emotion into action (instead of wasted energy) to mobilize the resources of a state (and beyond) to raise awareness, raise funds, and provide a communication channel second to none in the period following the devastating Joplin Tornado. How did he do it? We will attempt a live chat dialog with the man who made this happen, and we'll look at how we can take this model and apply it to needs in our own communities. This particular session will focus on using Facebook for such a purpose, but many of the methods will apply to other social media sites such as Twitter.

Scott Miniea is the Associate Vice-President of University Advancement at William Woods University. He is a long time service-learning practioner and supporter.

Topic: Preparing Faculty for Service-Learning**Room: 64***Presenter: Julia Vargas*

Faculty Development is the key to quality service-learning courses and institutionalized service-learning. This workshop will outline faculty development program and it's benefits for faculty members and students.

Julia Vargas is the Director for Service-Learning at Rockhurst University.

Topic: STAR Power**Room: 76/77***Presenters: NYLC Youth Advisory Council*

For youths only! Join members of the NYLC Youth Training Team as they lead an interactive simulation that can be used to teach others about important social issues. Participants will leave with a heightened awareness of social norms and the need for justice.

Topic: Building Better Partnerships**Room: 62***Presenter: Joan Liptrot*

Effective partnerships between schools and the community are a vital part of service-learning. Strong collaborations provide students with an increased confidence in their ability and show the community that young people can make valuable contributions. The potential for and productivity of effective service-learning partnerships are limitless. However, there are a number of issues related to creating effective partnerships and this session will provide resources that will get you thinking about how to develop and sustain high quality, effective service-learning partnerships.

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Topic: Weaving Service-Learning and Character Education**Room: 64***Presenter: Tami Bopp*

This interactive workshop will walk you through the new K-12 Missouri Service Learning Standards and provide strategies and resources to integrate character education into your projects. Effective service learning fosters a caring community and promotes student leadership, autonomy, belonging and competence.

Topic: Building a Youth Council and Youth/Adult Partnerships**Room: 76/77***Presenters: NYLC Youth Advisory Council*

Schools and community organizations can reap huge benefits by tapping the creative, enthusiastic and insightful ideas and voices of youth people. This session will explore the powerful benefits of engaging and empowering youth voice within their organizational leadership teams. The session will include methods for training and preparing young people to take on leadership roles and examples shared on how young people have impacted boards and advisory committees, policy and legislative initiatives, and community planning and development. Specific examples of how to set up a Youth Advisory Board will be examined and the benefits of participation will be voiced by young people and adults currently working with Youth Advisory Boards.

Topic: Reflection**Room: 62***Presenter: Joan Liptrot*

Reflection is the piece of the service learning puzzle that allows participants to see the bigger picture that their service has had on themselves and on the community. It is through reflection that the connection between the service experience and personal, academic, and civic development is made. Put the student journals aside, this session will explore interesting and effective strategies for providing personal and shared Reflection experiences that promote critical and creative thing to create learning that lasts!

Topic: District-Wide Service-Learning: It is Possible!**Room: 63***Presenter: Maria Stobbe*

In this session you will learn how one school district went from a few individual classrooms completing service learning projects to an entire school district dedicating itself to the practice. We will discuss the obstacles we faced, how we overcame them, and receive practical tips on how to make this happen in your own district.

Maria Stobbe was a Missouri Teacher of the Year Finalist for 2011 and has been a service-learning practitioner for 17 years.

Topic: All Aboard the Poverty Summit**Room: 64***Presenters: Fox C-6 School District*

Each participant will receive a boarding pass and a student name to come aboard Service Sally's Bus of Poverty. Through this bus ride simulation and summit you will learn how your students are fighting poverty in our economically stressed society. We will explore how poverty is teachable in all subject areas and how service-learning can be a subject area or cross-curricular success. You will get off the bus at several stops along the way and also participate in a hands on service project.

Topic: Project Share/Service Project**Room: 76/77**

Project Share: Come network with other youth and share the best and worst of your service-learning experiences. This session will allow participants to share their best projects while learning from their peers. Bring your successes, your questions and your problems as we share and discuss.

Service Project: Work on projects that will benefit a variety of needs across our state.

Topic: Sustaining your Service-Learning Initiative**Room: 62***Presenter: Joan Liptrot*

Ensuring service learning practice continues beyond a certain grant or project is critical to student achievement and school improvement. So what does it take to keep service learning alive and thriving in a school or district? Join this engaging session as we explore what the research says, assess where our programs are, and share strategies for successful survival of service learning methodology in Missouri.

Topic: A Curriculum that Serves**Room: 63***Presenters: Jill Peterson & Amanda Jackson*

Bring your classroom to life by connecting service to the curriculum. From broad learning goals to specific objectives, workshop participants will learn how to connect learning to meaningful service in a fun and interactive way.

Topic: Peace Jam**Room: 64***Presenter: Beth Nickle*

Build the future of peace today. Join us as we explore PeaceJam, an international program, that was conceived as an apprenticeship to bring together Nobel Peace Prize winner to help coach and consult with high school aged youth. Participants will engage in activities from the curriculum, discuss how to bring PeaceJam to their school or organization and learn how they can become involved in PeaceJam at the National Service-Learning Conference.

Topic: Project Ignition**Room: 76/77***Presenters: Belton High School*

Project Ignition is a grant program that utilizes service-learning to address teen driver safety issues through student-led campaigns — but the ripple effect the program creates is anything but simple. Student teams find their inspiration close to home — sometimes from personal tragedy — but their powerful messages reach across towns, counties, and state lines. Students find amazing and creative ways to bring their messages to life. We will be talking about the grant process as well as the competition phase if your proposal is accepted. There will also be a simulation and team building activities.