

VISION STATEMENT

"To provide positive and meaningful real-world career experiences and leadership development opportunities for all teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of interest."



Exploring's 5 Areas of Emphasis

- 1 Career Opportunities** REAL-WORLD CAREER SKILLS
- 2 Leadership Experience** LEADERSHIP SKILLS EMPLOYERS CRAVE
- 3 Life Skills** CONFLICT-RESOLUTION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, RELATIONSHIP SKILLS
- 4 Citizenship** LEARN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS
- 5 Character Education** ETHICAL DECISION MAKING



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What is Exploring?

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are at least 14 (and have completed 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status and citizenship are not criteria for participation.

Exploring is all about helping young adults 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.



Learn More. Experience More. Participate in Exploring.
View the career webpage for more information.



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 future employees
- Impact on the education process of youth
- Prepare young adults for transition from school to work
- Develop future responsible and caring adults
- Improve staff teamwork working on common goals outside of normal work
- Visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Increased realization that we are ALL responsible for molding today's youth and tomorrow's leaders
- Greater job awareness
- Opportunity for greater community involvement
- Enhanced communication, planning, and program development skills
- Increased initiative of employees

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences and insight
- Stimulated interest in continual education
- Building of leadership, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth
- Community service to others

Testimonials

"My daughter wants to be a doctor, so the Health program was a wonderful experience! It gave her the opportunity to learn from actual medical professionals. A lot of young men and women who want to enter the medical profession never get a chance to actually explore what a medical professional does on a daily basis. The Explorer program gives them a snapshot into their possible future."

— Jason B., Parent

"The students were not sure what they wanted to do in the future and now they have a clear pathway."

— Elizabeth S., Explorer Advisor

"I would participate again because I found the program very helpful and I enjoyed meeting new people with the same goals and interest as myself."

— Stephanie R., Explorer