

**Learn 24 Network Conference:
Preparing Youth for College, Career and Life**

At the Learn 24 Network Conference, youth development practitioners working with Out of School Time programs across the District provided some best practices and/or a Super Power that they use to support youth with preparing for college, career and life.

The following listing is compilation of sample responses that were collected during this exercise:

- Mentorship
- Reflection
- Listen->Remember
->Ask->Understand-> (repeat!)
- Socio-Emotional Support
- Develop activities to actively engage students in fun and learning
- Wisdom
- Offer informational resources
- Every room will have a college name (students decide on the name)
- Summer bulletin board will list careers that our students will have
- Sports
- Making kids feel safe
- Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) research
- Listening to their ideas – positive reinforcement
- Positive discipline
- Center youth needs
- Bring role models to programs and give youth the ability to connect with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics(STEM) professionals and imagine themselves with STEM careers
- Eliminate adultism
- Listening
- Self-control; follow directions; have fun
- Encouragement
- Teach kids how to cook
- Explore interests and hobbies and provide examples of jobs/careers – interpersonal informal conversations
- Compassion/Empathy
- After-School All-Stars (ASAS) has a program we use “we are ready”
- Have programs visit college and be engaged
- Super Power Practice = Growth Mindset “Power of yet”
- You have to be very patient with the youth
- Accountability
- Exposure and teaching global education and global citizenship
- Support transparency among providers
- Trust
- Teaching students about life skills!
- Encourage empower > Promote authenticity
- Providing structure
- Let the kids know that they are important, they are worth a good future, they are worth investing in
- Patience and understanding
- I am wildly adaptable. I can shape shift and mold into anything at any time. As Captain Enigma, I can change into anything
- Getting youth to understand their PB and J moment of their gift or passion and how it may relate to a career track or degree and put them together
- Youth engagement
- Rapport/Relationship

*Please note: This information is to be used for educational purposes only; each program/professional has their own unique way to connect with youth.

Share additional suggestions or recommendations by emailing Learn24@dc.gov.

