Special Education And **Service- Learning**

IEP Goals- Service-learning provides:

- Opportunities for academic, social, and life skills instruction in a real-world setting
- Opportunities for community-based instruction in an inclusive setting
- Natural setting for character education and social skills acquisition and practice
- Opportunities for functional activities that are inherent in many of the service-learning opportunities: i.e. – a clothing drive allows for students to sort, wash, fold and iron the donated items for distribution
- Incorporates and improves technology skills

Transition- Service-learning provides:

- Opportunities for students to explore and identify interests
- Informal and formal assessments of students in a natural setting
- Opportunities to develop work knowledge and skills
- Opportunities to develop and practice functional life skills
- Opportunities to develop social skills
- Students are involved in their community in a positive way and have opportunites to generalize acquired skills

Functional Skills – Service-learning provides:

Service Learning supports all of the key components of a functional curriculum: home, self help, employment, recreation, community involvement, health, and functional academics

- Students practice and improve skills of collaboration, organization, planning, and implementation
- Reinforces social interaction in a generalized setting
- Utilizes community-based instruction in a natural way
- Teaches financial literacy: funding and budgeting, etc.

To learn more about service-learning connections to Special Education check out this **Spotlight on Service-Learning article** found HERE located on the INSPIRE3 page.

- Service-Learning + Philanthropy Education in the Special Education Curriculum = A Formula for Success!

Visit the INSPIRE[3] page on the IASP website HERE and on the IMLEA website here for additional service-learning resources. ALL Spotlight on Service-Learning articles, written by Beth Smith, are archived on the Spotlight on Service-Learning page . Snapshots of Service-Learning from Indiana schools can be found here.

Explore the free resources on Learning to Give and generationOn **described below** to find service and service-learning lessons and resources , meaningful ways to serve others and give meaning to content, help students discover their passions, and help them develop empathy through incorporation of service-learning into the existing content.

Imagine a world where all youth are knowledgeable and equipped for lifelong engagement in philanthropy as givers of time, talent, and treasure for the common good. **The Learning to Give website has <u>no cost</u> Philanthropy Education/Service-Learning Lessons and Resources that Teach Giving and Civic Engagement through Academics**. LTG equips K-12 teachers with lessons and resources to educate students as philanthropists with knowledge, skills, and action to make a better world. Connect students' civic lives to academic learning and service-learning. **Over 1700+ K-12 teacher created lesson plans** searchable by keyword, issue area, subject, grade level, theme, calendar event and academic standards. Add service to your calendar by aligning philanthropy lessons and service-learning projects to monthly events. Browse the **Issue Area pages** with related lessons and toolkits. No cost Educator Mini-Courses provide online professional training in philanthropy education and service-learning. **www.learningtogive.org**

The mission of **generationOn** is to inspire, equip, and mobilize youth to take action that changes the world and themselves through service. Educators, parents, community organizations, and youth themselves will find **free** resources needed to ignite the power and potential of young people to become leaders and problem solvers, successful students and active community members through service. **The generationOn website has <u>no cost</u> resources** for many audiences that include age-appropriate **issue area project ideas, instructions, how-to guides for K-12 youth, in addition to, service-learning resources, school and clubs programs, and online service and service-learning trackers for educators and teens**. **www.generationOn.org**