STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH EXPLORING™ SOCIAL SERVICES
Exploring is all about helping young men and women in sixth grade through 20 years old to 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.

**5 AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

- **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
- **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**
- **LIFE SKILLS**
- **CITIZENSHIP**
- **CHARACTER EDUCATION**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Explorers in a social services program will work with an educator to write a lesson plan, learn about a home visit that a social worker would make, facilitate a workshop at a library, shadow a college professor on a college campus, and so much more.

**EXPLORERS WILL:**
- Participate in hands-on projects
- Develop work experiences to begin building their résumé
- Learn important leadership skills
- Understand the importance of teamwork in a professional setting
- Network with professionals who work in these careers
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in social services

**EXPLORER ADVISOR**

Without Exploring, I don’t know where I would be. Exploring opened the doors to a very successful career for me.

—LAUREN M.

**TESTIMONIALS**

“I’ve learned a lot about leadership, planning, and communication. I want to pursue a career where I can help other people.”

—ALLEN T.

”The program was helpful because it illuminated and explained the many opportunities and possibilities available in the field of social services.”

—DANIELLE S.

Learn more at www.exploring.org/social-services.
POPULAR SOCIAL SERVICES CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Social workers
- Adult or child care attendants
- Librarians
- Volunteer workers
- Dieticians
- Drug/alcohol counselors
- Teacher and teacher aides
- Youth organization professionals
- Funeral directors
- School counselors
- College professors