

## Creating Service Learning Goals and Objectives

In the literature, there are 5 general themes when it comes to creating objectives for service learning:

- 1) Better Self and Social Awareness
- 2) Social Responsibility
- 3) Community and Social Justice
- 4) Multicultural Civic Engagement
- 5) Develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

Here are some examples of Service Learning objectives that can be tailored to your course:

### *Broad Goals*

- \*Students will recognize that they can have an impact in the world
- \*Students will learn project planning and communication skills
- \*Students will use important scientific concepts and information in using integrated methods
- \*Students will be able to demonstrate the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the principles of democratic civic involvement

### *Specific Goals*

- \*Students will become aware of the effects of poverty on people around the world and its connection to other critical issues, and they will be able to communicate that in a verbal presentation
- \*Students will understand how collected data can be used to make real life decisions, and be able to collect, synthesize, and interpret data for the purpose of an energy audit
- \*Students will prepare and present a current event activity once per week, becoming familiar with different media sources as well as the general perception of the media about the issue
- \*Students will learn how to use video technology and create a presentation on PowerPoint to share with community partners