

# Join Other CCS Educators in a Summer Professional Development Program . . .

## *Service-Learning/Project Based Learning Workshop*

*June 26th-27th (all day) and August 7th (morning only)*

*"My students are learning so much about themselves, their future professional paths, and the people they will serve. They are growing both academically and personally. Through this project we are able to reach into all areas of the curriculum, and it just keeps expanding every day."*

-- Carla Toles-Anthony, Teacher,  
Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center

**What:** In collaboration with Columbus City Schools, Partnerships Make A Difference will provide **in-depth professional development and consulting services to support the development of high quality Service-Learning/Project Based Learning implementation by educators from interested Columbus City schools (secondary schools given first priority)**. First conducted during the 2016-2017 school year, this workshop is designed to strategically provide in-depth professional development and support for additional CCS educators. CCS is committed to addressing district challenges and improving student achievement and engagement while providing positive impact throughout Columbus and beyond. **This professional development series is designed to enhance students' 1) academic achievement; 2) community engagement and civic stewardship; 3) sense of empowerment; and 4) demonstration of compassion, respect, trust, and love for each other and those they serve.**

**Why:** This approach to teaching and learning is motivating, authentic, and impactful. Service-learning and Project Based Learning empower students to use their academic knowledge and 21st Century Skills, as well as their own gifts and passions, to become purposeful "experts" and "changemakers." These strategies add **rigor, relevance, and relationships to the learning process, and help students "make a difference" in their schools, local communities, and the world.**

**Service-learning is an instructional strategy** that directly connects community service with the school curriculum, adding relevance to the learning process and helping students actively address significant local/global needs. **It is an especially engaging form of PBL**—an instructional approach that enables students to "do the work of real people" by investigating important questions and solving authentic problems.

**How:** The workshop is designed to provide **in-depth service-learning and PBL training for interested CCS teachers (secondary teachers have priority)**. We encourage participants to attend with a colleague(s) from their school so they can support each other's efforts. However, this is not required. **Each participant will receive a professional development stipend reflecting the district's commitment to this high priority initiative.**

The training will provide a solid foundational understanding of SL/PBL and allow participants to build capacity as SL/PBL practitioners, skilled at **incorporating design thinking and problem-solving while extending the curriculum through experiential projects with a strong focus on authentic products for authentic audiences**. Training will be designed to **support other CCS priorities** so that teachers don't view this as "one more thing" to add to an already demanding schedule.

*"During our service-learning project, I felt like we were working on something important and real because we do some projects in school that don't mean anything but a grade. **But this project is for a grade AND it will also change people's lives.**"*

-- Keondre' S., CCS 8th grader

*"Creating caring, compassionate citizens who are able and willing to take action to make the world a better place . . . that is my goal, my passion, and my job."*

-- Pam Reed, Teacher, Columbus City Preparatory School for Girls

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Facilitated by Partnerships Make A Difference for Columbus City Schools

**When/Where:** Partnerships Make A Difference consultants, Kathy Meyer and Ellen Erlanger, will conduct workshop sessions on **June 26-27, 2018 (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., coffee at 8:00 a.m.) and August 7 (8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., coffee at 8:00 a.m.)**. Additional after-school "support" sessions will be held during the 2018-2019 school year on a voluntary basis. **All sessions will be held at The Graf Center, 2020 Builders Place, Columbus, OH, 43204.** Additionally, all participants will be **invited to attend the "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network's "Critical Issues Summit" (TBD September or October 2018) and the Network's "Changemakers" Leadership Summit (TBD May 2019)**. Both Summits will be held 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Participants in the summer workshop are **eligible for CEUs, or teachers may earn Ashland University graduate credit at their own expense.**

## Additional Resources Available to Participating Educators:

**High quality in-depth professional development** is the cornerstone of successful implementation of service-learning and PBL as effective teaching and learning strategies. We have also found that the addition of **face-to-face, on-site assistance** allows workshop participants to continue their growth as SL/PBL practitioners and is integral to their success. To that end, Field Coordinators from our "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network will be made available as needed to workshop participants and principals to assist with project planning and implementation.

In addition, PMAD will provide **technical assistance** to workshop participants as needed via email, our website, and by phone to address workshop participants' emerging needs, recommend additional resources and project ideas, connect participants with other educators implementing related projects, and ensure high quality program implementation.

*"I get so excited when it's time for 7th period because I know we are doing something great to help others!"*

-- LeAire N., CCS 8th grader

**About Us:** Partnerships Make A Difference was founded in 1996 by a team of experienced and committed educators. The organization's mission is to **help young people develop a sense of passion and purpose for their own learning, and to enhance students' belief that they can positively impact their own lives and the lives of others.** Currently, the major focus of Partnerships is to **promote and expand the use of service-learning and PBL as strategies for instructional improvement, enhanced student achievement, student engagement and empowerment, and positive community impact.** This focus is evident in our work with the "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network, involving more than 70 schools (K-12) and 35 community agencies in central Ohio.

Kathy Meyer and Ellen Erlanger are experienced service-learning/Project Based Learning practitioners and trainers who have developed a wide range of innovative classroom activities, planning tools, and professional development strategies. Our approach brings together best practices from a variety of recognized experts and organizations—but we also add special touches based on our own experiences, research, and reflection.

**Registration:** Complete the registration form at <http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/2018-ccs-service-learning-workshop.html> as soon as possible. The Service-Learning/PBL Workshop, all handouts, and morning refreshments are provided **free of charge**. In addition, participants will receive a PD stipend. Participants are responsible for Ashland University tuition costs if they choose to take the workshop for graduate credit. **For more information, contact Sharee Wells at 614.365.5727, Ellen Erlanger at 614.226.2115, or Kathy Meyer at 614.323.3741.** You can also reach Kathy and Ellen at [info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org](mailto:info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org).