Professional Development

Through a series of powerful trainings, seminars, symposiums, consultation, and institutes designed to support the belief, principles, and practices, your organization can create a culture where all children/youth experience success, No Exceptions.

Top Five Practices

In support of the Three Universal Truths, Kids at Hope identified five top practices to be implemented. They are:

1. **BELIEF**
   ...surrounding children with adults who believe all children can succeed, without exception.

2. **PLEDGE**
   ...demonstrating and practicing the power of positive self-talk.

3. **REPORT CARD**
   ...validating and documenting the multiple intelligences of children which leads to developing their full potential.

4. **PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE**
   ...offering all children the opportunity to “mental time travel” to the future through four domains which leads to HOPE for their future.

5. **ACES TRACKING**
   ...validating and documenting that all children are indeed connected to a caring adult(s) in a meaningful and sustainable manner.

Kids at Hope at a Glance

- **75,000** caring adults trained
- **475** models established in 21 states and Alberta, Canada including schools, child welfare groups, juvenile justice systems, recreation programs, public safety departments, community centers, and youth development organizations reaching over **650,000** children and youth
- Cited by the **American Academy of Pediatrics** in a book it published on resiliency
- Adopted by the **Arizona Supreme Court** in support of improving its juvenile justice system
- Co-created – **Arizona State University’s Center for the Advanced Study & Practice of Hope**

Defining a Culture Where Every Child and Youth is Capable of Success...
No Exceptions!
INSPIRED by Research
EMPOWERED by Professional Development
TRANSFORMED by Passion and Action

Kids at Hope was created after examining research from the fields of psychology, education, sociology, recreation, criminology, social work and medicine then synthesizing all that knowledge into a strategic cultural framework.

Kids at Hope, an evidenced based, strategic cultural model reverses the “youth at risk” paradigm by establishing a holistic methodology that engages the family, school and community. It is based on three universal truths which, if adopted, support the success of all children and youth, without exception.

Major Research Findings

- It’s not risk that prevents success; it is the absence of HOPE.
- We do not control most of the risk children and youth experience, but we do control much of the HOPE.
- HOPE is taught and learned.
- It’s not program or curriculum that makes the biggest difference in young people’s lives; it is adult relationships.

Three Universal Truths

Rather than create another program, Kids at Hope drew from it’s research findings and established a cultural strategic framework based on Three Universal Truths.

Children succeed when they are surrounded by adults who believe they can succeed, no exceptions.

Children succeed when they have meaningful and sustainable relationships with caring adults.

Children succeed when they can articulate their future in four domains: Home and Family; Education and Career; Community and Service; and Hobbies and Recreation.

Kids at Hope is a strategic cultural framework, not another program.