



CHARACTER COUNTS! IN YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: GETTING STARTED

Ideally done in conjunction with a comprehensive character education project in your school.

1. Establish a group of adult advisors to work with a Student Leadership Team.
2. Develop a Student Leadership Team consisting of youth that are dedicated to being a positive role models for others.
3. Invite Iowa's Youth Training Core for Character (YTC) to teach Student Leadership Team and the adult advisors about the Six Pillars of Character and good decision making.
4. Adult advisors and the Student Leadership team should work together to set goals and an action plan to promote positive character development in the school.
5. Adult sponsors should educate the rest of the school faculty and staff on the Six Pillars of Character and request that adults teach, enforce, advocate, and model the Six Pillars.
6. Plan a kick-off project to promote awareness and encourage involvement from the entire student body.
7. Student Leadership Team and advisors should meet regularly to plan how to include the Six Pillars of Character in all school activities.
8. Consider having the new Student Leadership Team trained by YTC each year.

Feel free to contact the CHARACTER COUNTS! in Iowa team at 515-271-1910 for additional information and/or support during your implementation journey.