

Is Building Intentional Communities Right for You?

WHAT IS BUILDING INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES?

Building Intentional Communities is an initiative to transform schools and community based programs into restorative environments where young people cultivate a love of learning, mastery and purpose.

WHAT IS A LEADER OF CHARACTER?

The Building Intentional Communities initiative creates leaders of character. We believe leaders of character have strong communication and decision-making skills. They are global citizens who stand for equity, inclusion and will ally for others.

WHAT CHANGES AS A RESULT OF BUILDING INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES TOOLS?

Building Intentional Communities is designed to impact three levels of a school/organization:

INSTITUTIONALIZED PRACTICES SHIFT BY...

- Creating an ethos based on shared values and beliefs
- Aligning staff behavior guidance practices
- Instituting routines and rituals to create cohesion from classroom to classroom
- Naming and visibilizing high quality facilitation practices
- Refining practice through reflection and evaluation

STAFF ARE ABLE TO...

- Facilitate engaging lessons with minimum prep time
- Activate the metaphor that learning is a process, not a set of outcomes
- Teach leadership and ethics through concrete, meaningful experiences
- Support youth to make connections between what they did and what they learned
- Explore values and social emotional skills

YOUTH WILL:

- Build restorative community that reduces cliques and bullying
- Identify emotions and express needs
- Learn to make positive choices as community leaders
- Develop a social justice analysis
- Foster motivation to stay engaged in school and their community