Service Learning - Service learning is an instructional approach to give children opportunities to make positive contributions to the world. Because young people make a difference by meeting real community needs, service learning gives them more motivation to learn, a greater understanding of how to put their learning to good use, and a sense of democracy in action.

Rationale	★ Promote academic, social, and civic development in children ★ Empower young people to make a difference ★ Provide opportunities for diverse groups to come together to make meaningful change ★ Diverse groups can gain a better understanding and appreciation of one another

Examples	Materials
	★ Service-Learning in Community-Based Organizations: A Practical Guide to Starting and Sustaining High-Quality Programs
	
	Activities
	★ Investigate - Explore Community Priorities
	★ Prepare - Get Ready to Serve and Learn
	★ Act - Make a Meaningful Difference in the Community
	★ Reflect - Integrate Learning from the Service Experience
	★ Demonstrate and Celebrate - Recognize and Reinforce Learning and Impact
	★ Sustain - Keep Your Service-Learning Efforts Going and Growing .
	★ Nursing home visits • Fun Run • Bake sale • Contributing to food pantry • Putting together boxes to send overseas • Coats for Kids
	
	Interactions
	★ Provide learning processes that will prompt and guide participants to:
	   ○ Deepen understanding of the content areas you seek to address.
	   ○ Internalize skills, information, and perspectives from the service experiences.
	   ○ Be challenged to think at a higher level about themselves, other people, the world, and the issues of the day
	★ Keeping a journal (print, online, audio) throughout the service-learning project.
	★ Giving oral presentations or demonstrations.
	★ Writing essays or blogs, or creating a video about the experience.
	★ Developing products to be used for the project.
	★ Creating diagrams, work plans, maps, and other tools used during the project.
	★ Writing research papers on background information.

	★ Notes for Next Time: (time used, reactions to activity, staff/children interactions)
Resources	★ [Service-Learning in Community-Based Organizations: A Practical Guide to Starting and Sustaining High-Quality Programs](#)