Module 2 – Character Development Theory - User’s Guide

Training Outline

1. Introduction, Overview and Purpose
2. Discussion points/activities
3. Present PowerPoint
4. Wrap-up

Overview

Module 1 set the stage for the 4-H character program. It provided a description of CHARACTER COUNTS!® and also outlined what it takes to have an effective character development program and a strategy for character building.

In this module (Module 2) you will learn more about character development theory and the difference between character, ethics and values.

Purpose

Understanding character theory helps to establish a research base for 4-H. This module also makes the distinction among character, values and ethics.

Training Emphasis

- Brief understanding of the domains of character
- What character is
- The difference between character, ethics and values

Discussion Points/Activities

In small groups or 4-6 ask the participants to respond to:
- What are the major challenges and barriers to implementing and expanding a character education program in 4-H?

Ask each group to report on their top three challenges and barriers. Allow for discussion time.


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