

CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND SERVICE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Center provides community service opportunities for students and faculty, promotes the linking of service to the academic curriculum, and collaborates with community-based organizations on community improvement projects and programs. Thus, the Center aims to enhance the educational outcomes of Florida State University students with respect to civic responsibility, foster community-based scholarship, improve the well being of the communities that the University reaches, and promote the good will of the University among its constituents.

SHARED VALUES IN ACTION

Lifelong civic responsibility and community involvement

- Modeling civic behavior through word and practice
- Staff participating in community volunteer activities
- Generating or helping students discover meaningful service opportunities that support their personal and academic development
- Committing ourselves to learning about social issues and preparing students effectively for their community involvement and leadership roles
- Expanding the base of students who serve through effective communication and marketing techniques

Integrity

- Being truthful in all ways at all times
- Following through with promises
- Performing faithfully assigned or accepted tasks
- Accepting responsibility for our own actions and results

Service excellence

- Creating a warm and friendly environment for our student clients
- Providing prompt and courteous service to students, faculty, and community partners
- Going above and beyond when appropriate

Respect for self and others

- Honoring the values and opinions of each other as well as our clients
- Considering the claims of family and others on fellow staff members in our workplace decisions
- Looking for and acknowledging the good and strengths in each other
- Not tolerating negative talk about others
- Being ok with stepping out of our comfort zones
- Developing faith in everyone's part in the process of social transformation

Sense of family

- Treating each other with respect and courtesy
- Celebrating important occasions

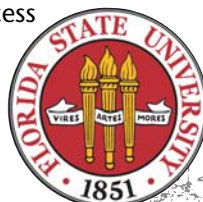
- Taking time to show interest and concern for each other
- Being open to new members

Diversity

- Involving as many students as possible in our mission
- Creating service opportunities and aligning with community partners who reflect the population and its diverse needs
- Developing a staff that reflects the population and is respectful of all cultures

Collaboration

- Working together to find better procedures and practices
- Understanding that we are learning from the community as well as from the students
- Helping each other accomplish his/her goals for the sake of the success of the organization
- Seeking substantial student input on all matters affecting them
- Demonstrating an empathetic attitude of hearing and accommodating each other, as well as, our clients and partners
- Developing partnerships with others in order to meet the community service needs of students, staff, faculty, and community-based organizations
- Supporting community-based scholarship – teaching, service, and research – for faculty, students, and community partners



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