



The TEACHER CENTER of Broome County
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FINAL REPORT
DOCUMENT PROCESSES AND OUTCOMES

STUDY GROUP TOPIC: Teenage Motivation
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This grant was used to provide funding for two teachers at Evergreen to prepare activities for the school year that will be used to promote teen motivation. Evergreen has traditionally set aside 1 hour a week for Town Meetings (all 40 students) and Learning Councils (5 groups of 8 students each). This summer we wanted to prepare activities ahead of time so that we could plan a cohesive set of activities, rather than rush around during the regular school year trying to put something together at the last minute.

Our theme for this year's projects was teen motivation. We decided to have two major types of activities that had the end purpose of encouraging students to try their best at school. One group of activities- team building- was designed to help students get to know one another in an attempt to have them feel a greater connection to the school and have them realize that someone else cares about them. The second group of activities- goal setting- was designed to give students an opportunity to determine how they could be the best they could be.

We accomplished the following tasks:

Made a list of 30 possible team building activities and divided them into the following categories:

- Get to know you activities for the first few days, and reinforcements for later
- Physical Activities in the Gym (for all 40 members of the School)
- Team Games (for smaller 8 person groups)
- Team Discussion Questions and brainstorming projects (groups of 8).

Made a list of 10 possible Goal setting Activities in the following categories:

- Immediate and long-term goals; personal and professional goals
- Career and college options
- Networking and support groups

Still left to do- Prepare ready- to- go packages for all LC groups
Write a survey to determine the success of the plan.

Thanks you very much for giving us the opportunity to work on this project.

