

# Key Components of 4-H Service Learning

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**Integrates Learning:** Learning is integrated into relevant content (often 4-H project-based). The service informs content and the content informs service.



**Meets Genuine Needs:** Youth identify and learn about a *recognized* need in their community.



**Promotes Youth Voice and Choice:** Youth demonstrate decision making in a safe environment that allows them to make mistakes and still succeed.



**Creates Partnerships:** Youth participate in the development of community partnerships and share responsibility with community members.



**Benefits Everyone:** Mutual teaching and learning, and shared responsibility benefit all participants in the service learning experience.



**Builds Civic Responsibility:** Young people understand they have a role in improving society, and are empowered by their ability to improve the quality of life in the community.