



What Others are Saying About YTC

“YTC is a wonderful use of Youth to help Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model the use of CHARACTER COUNTS! and the overall development of character. Whether you are educating adults or children, I would highly recommend the use of this group. They are able to create an environment that is perfect for the development of character for any group.”

-Tron England, Business Teaching (Des Moines Public Schools)

“Iowa’s Youth Training Core for Character (YTC) came to the New Hampton Community School District to work with our youth team and then have a session with our high school teachers. Their enthusiasm for living the pillars was infectious. The YTC served as a model for our youth team offering them good direction. Our teachers gained ideas on how to get students to interact with each of the pillars. It was just a fun professional development opportunity.”

-Linda Kennedy, Curriculum Director, New Hampton Community School District

“The YTC gave a new look to our character education initiative with the training of youth leaders. In our first year we have 50 middle school students leading weekly CC! activities, and completing a variety of action plans to improve our school—painting CC! murals on the walls, designing and selling CC! t-shirts, holding fundraisers for those in need in our community, and creating four carpetball tables for our middle school to give students a positive age-appropriate activity and reduce bullying. The passion of the YTC members to model the pillars of character was a great motivator to our students and helped develop some of the basic skills they need as a CC! leader.”

-Beth Stephas, Guidance Counselor, Eagle Grove Community Schools

“What a wonderful group of Iowa youth representing the Institute for Character Development for the state of Iowa. They have donated hundreds of hours of service in teaching others, old and young, how important positive character is. Their commitment to promoting CHARACTER COUNTS! goes beyond teaching, these young leaders exemplify the Six Pillars of Character. I can proudly say that the YTC is making a difference.”

-Karen Schechinger

“I attended an all day YTC workshop with 10 high school students. The training was very effective and a catalyst to our newly formed CHARACTER COUNTS! Corps. We couldn’t have done it without the initial training from the YTC!”

- Pam Bunte, Fort Dodge Youth in Action Coordinator.