

Erie Together GradNation Focus Groups

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**Note: These ideas came from nearly 400 individuals throughout the Erie community. Focus groups were held across the county and included students as young as ninth grade and adults of all ages and backgrounds. The information was entered by student helpers and is very loosely themed by those who could be involved.*

Idea	Theme
The Line Game- have a taped line in the center of the room with student and faculty on opposite sides and ask personal questions to humanize each group.	Employers
Have students/"caring adults" switch lives for a day. Both professionally and personally.	Individuals
Be there for your child's friend who has no support	Individuals
Adults provide a weekly trip with kids. Ex: zoo, lunch, church, sporting events	Individuals
Work with "at risk" students and families during study groups, social events, and after school programs. Adult mentors from business, industry, social services, and colleges will assist.	Mentoring
Community intergenerational activities both "new" activities (video gaming) and "old" activities (quilting), picnics, games, sports, etc	Neighborhoods
Sponsor PYD trainings in all communities/school districts – promote asset building communities and acknowledge these communities	Neighborhoods
Have a party	Neighborhoods
Book Club (reading together)	Neighborhoods
Having a family dinner to communicate with each other more	Other
Create an Erie Corp (Peace Corp Concert)	Other
Churches or other community organization "adopt" a school	Other
Articulate how basic education is used in every day practices at work.	PR Campaigns
Community Prayer Night	Religious Groups
Regular schedule of adults attending lunch in schools (e.g. every Friday)	School
Relationship building through painting murals over graffiti in parks, etc.- utilize local artist resources to create "paint by number" murals to cover the graffiti to help the beautification project and build relationships with caring adults	Employers
Caring adults volunteer at after-school programs, educate adults on the importance of mentoring	Mentoring
Community Movie Night	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood kickball/baseball game	Neighborhoods
neighborhood walk/cleanup with the goal of trash clean up or scavenger hunt (with neighborhood children or play/school group)	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood center on wheels: community service projects completed by center; jobs or payment for kids to do clean up work (designate a day/week)	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood "Activity" places where kids can go for positive adult interaction	Neighborhoods

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FamilyNight- In schools and/or community centers	Neighborhoods
Develop a 2-pronged approach to truancy: (1) engaging at-risk students with caring adults with free food (1) prevention for all students at-risk and (2) outreach to identify caring adults to provide support to families	Other
Implement the use of the "40 Development Assets" from the Search Institute. These assets are research-based and show how to improve each child's assets.	Other
Service Learning and community-connected school projects	School
Game night	School
Instrumental Exploration Program	School
Once a week after school teachers could have fun school activities like snacks, games, movies, and study hall. This way teachers can get to know students on a more personal level and students can have mentors and get to know each other.	School
Job Fair- adults talk with students about their personal career experiences	Employers
Driving to the mall	Individuals
Encourage mentorship among parent to teen parent, college student/ESO alum, afterschool programs including college students	Mentoring
Have churches, community orgs, interest groups, etc. create mentoring programs for children, wherein the caring adult and the child share in rewards for success.	Mentoring
Interest-oriented small groups or with individuals at after-school programs where adults would be very active in teaching/doing activities, but also listening, not just teaching	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood car wash	Neighborhoods
Formal or informal mentoring program based on skills and interests (cars, books, music, etc.)	Neighborhoods
Homework Help	Neighborhoods
Have a weekend where in the afternoon you have music, food, games, and other activities where everyone can be together and socialize	Other
Promote PYD's 40 Developmental asset training in each community to ensure each community is an asset building community	PR Campaigns
College students volunteer at community centers helping students with homework	Religious Groups
Start Being more involved in school and after school activities with the students.	School
Student survey of who they want as caring adults/qualities, invite adult to na event at school (lunch, etc.), school assignment (i.e. write a letter)	School
Open up Community Roms in schools- Provide washers and dryers in each school so that families can do laundry- while doing their laudry- there would be opportunities for the adults to participate in an educational experience	School
Long Term, Simple, Consistent, Media, Campaign - "Smile: Say Hello to Every Child/ youth you see"	Individuals
Food drives	Individuals

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Students volunteer in different aspects of the community to build relationships with mentoring adults within the community- senior citizens, City Mission, Serve Erie, high school students, elementary school students, Barber Center	Individuals
Assign relatable 'life coaches' to high risk students to guide them (middle to high school?)	Mentoring
Invite senior citizens (and willing "others") to mentor (take a sepcific interest in) a specific student within his/her neighborhood (i.e. within two-three blocks area)	Mentoring
Hold a carnival or fair	Neighborhoods
Adopt a Neighbor - encourage adult in the area to adopt a child (or vice versa) who can benefit from time with each other	Neighborhoods
Community events. Ex: walks- events down at the PI. Provides interaction.	Other
My Brother's Keeper theme- we are al responsible for each other. Target at faith-based groups to bring this message to students and caring adults to participate in ongoing activities with at-risk students	PR Campaigns
Having either religious or non religious youth group every other week.	Religious Groups
Afterschool programs with focus on STEAM activities (build STEAM knowledge and skills; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math)	School
Adopt a class/school programs with civic groups, churches, etc.	School
You can have the adults and children come together and clean the school	Individuals
Study new things with adults	Individuals
Clear formal mentorship program with incentives for both kids & adults to stay motivated, focused, and engaged (formal- easy, fun, & engaged)	Mentoring
Neighborhood Watch- Youth involved on board	Neighborhoods
Develop a neighborhood "bulletin board" that shows activities in the community. What the kids are learning /doing in school, etc.	Neighborhoods
Organize Neighborhood sports Teams- Adults and kids playing together by geopgraphy	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood service supervised by adults but staffed by youth (volunteer to help neighbors)- help others, work ethic, responsibility	Neighborhoods
Link parents with other successful parents that have already experienced success with graduating children	Other
Have community bingo nights	Other
Going on field trips (6 Flags, Zoo, Concerts)	School
Parent/ Kids Field trips	Individuals
Get already involved caring adults to help recruite caring adults who are not involved	Individuals
Hanging out with adults	Individuals
Volunteer tutors- retirees or others volunteer to tutor in public schools or social service orgs in writing, reading, or math	Individuals
Truancy Awareness Education Programs	Neighborhoods
Park movie night	Neighborhoods
Math tag	School
Neighborhood kickball game/tournament	Neighborhoods
Parent and kids community sports every two weeks	Other

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Workshop conducted for parents and other caring adults attending a PTA meeting or other school event	Other
Have a big constant, long term, multi-media campaign: "Smile and say hello to every kid you see."	PR Campaigns
Elementary School Socail Awareness Assemblies	School
Establish a children's library which includes a lot of preschool books	Other
Educate/Motivate awareness of crisis before us; Create trained and educated individuals for the next 30 years who offer solutions (newest statistics regarding moving our country forward- grad rates, employment areas)	PR Campaigns
Have adults go into schools and tell a life-lesson story with the goal of inspiring children with possible "hero" stories	School
Develop partnerships between employers and schools to allow volunteers to spend time in schools and with kids as guest readers, filed trips, etc.	Business
Caring adults need to communicate with kids more often	Other
Evening at local schools- art night, ice cream social, movie night, reading event	School
Education to help adults gain insight into the younger generation and benchmarks	PR Campaigns
Extracurricular activities- sports and clubs where kids can interact with coaches and leaders who can influence and encourage them, interaction with other kids (teamwork, discipline)	School
Periodic Envelopes of inspiration given or sent to a youth that you have been in contact with	Employers
Encourage local men and women involved in a variety of careers to send time on a monthly basis w/ disadvantaged youth. This will help expose them to different careers and will hopefully allow natural bonds to take place.	Employers
Job Shadow Day.	Employers
Adult job-shadowing program to promote a student to a specific job field	Employers
On-site career exploration. i.e. shadowing a physician	Employers
More apprenticeship/career exploration opportunities that are either free or receive other benefits for	Employers
Take our kids to work day (participation for kids who aren't yours)	Employers
Take your child to work functions	Employers
Reach out and engage employers to heave kids come into the workplace or allow time for engagement	Employers
Encourage various businesses to promote to individuals at the work place	Employers
Businesses involved: giving books, parental training- on site, more involvement with school	Employers
Volunteer reading programs- employers willing to send employees to school to read/assist/mentor	Employers
Parent led take your kid's to class to work day	Employers
Ask employers to post informational pamphlets	Employers

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Business people can mentor a child on-the-job via shadowing opportunities or engaging a child in the workplace environment after school (career street center)	Employers
Work shadowing in fields the kids are interested in	Employers
Work study programs to develop interested mentors other than family or friends	Employers
Target local businesses for presentations to employee groups about the impact of mentoring and volunteerism	Employers
Local and state government employees	Employers
Work shadow program, establish relationships with local businesses and target student interest, require local businesses to do minimum hours per year	Employers
Entrepreneurship for kids- Rochester Entrepreneur Academy)	Employers
Tour local businesses	Employers
Community workers will agree to let students job shadow or come to business to see how the business works	Employers
Invite the student to your work site	Employers
Employers	Employers
Speak to person about what they do at work	Employers
Farm initiatives	Employers
Promote apprenticeships among local businesses	Employers
health educators (such as Adagio) for prevention	Employers
Take a outh to work day	Employers
Helping with homework	Employers
try to support teens dreams (music, dance, plays,mechanics,etc) in a non-threatening and non-critical environment	Employers
Ice breakers with teachers- getting to know your educators	Employers
D&A prevention trainging excluding DARE	Employers
Where "caring adult" takes a kid to their work for a day	Employers
Recruit job sampling sites to generate employment interest and mentor pairing	Employers
make the adults know how important it is to be involved with youth. Encourage them to join in.	Individuals
Greased pig chase, or big race	Individuals
Have adults and students come together and work on a project. (Habitat for Humanity)	Individuals
Pie Baking Contest	Individuals
Graffiti clean up- get an artist to paint a mural over graffiti, have others help paint.	Individuals
Youth Book Club at the local Library	Individuals
Volunteer at school	Individuals
Parent and kids game night	Individuals
Have parents involved in childs life	Individuals
Teachers and students learn about each other	Individuals
Fundraisers	Individuals
Community Movie Night	Individuals
Parents help students study	Individuals

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Pair student with local "caring adult" and have them do a project on them	Individuals
College students to sponsor a student for a weekend/weekday college visit to show them the good opportunities of college	Individuals
Mixed adult/student sports leagues/activity groups	Individuals
Mentoring program with students and local college students/local businesses	Individuals
Soft-skills training for youth by adults throughout the county	Individuals
Fruit picking (i.e. apples & blubberies)	Individuals
T-shirt tye dyeing	Individuals
Demonstrate your own appreciation of learning and continue to aspire to do/be more	Individuals
Join school PTA/PTO groups to be involved in child's education	Individuals
Volunteer at child's school for activities to show involvement for education	Individuals
Attend imagination library training to share monthly books with children	Individuals
Follow progress of child	Individuals
Talk face to face	Individuals
Be a positive role model & involved in all parts of a child's life	Individuals
Don't show favoritism	Individuals
Support school sponsored activities/events (talk to your child about their day/mistrusts/concerns engage them in communication, do things together	Individuals
Encourage relationship building with youth	Individuals
Include youth in decision making for organizations, business, family, schools	Individuals
Play the host: organize a meal with family/friends that are a leader in the community so that they better understand the environment (Tupperware type party)	Individuals
Give kids one-on-one attention; all they need is someone to take an interest and make them feel special	Individuals
Ask questions	Individuals
Do something the child wants to do	Individuals
Experiment together (try something new)	Individuals
Do something out of the ordinary	Individuals
Musical arts and crafts	Individuals
Helping	Individuals
Do stuff together	Individuals
Get on the same level with each other	Individuals
Get to know each other	Individuals
Talk while having lunch and play sports with them and connect	Individuals
Do activities together (occurred repeatedly)	Individuals
Do read and activities	Individuals
Help us get better in sports	Individuals
Driving lessons	Individuals
Go on a hike with a lot of people	Individuals
Have a talk with each other	Individuals
Take vacations	Individuals
Hang out together	Individuals

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Helping each other	Individuals
Having a game day with loving adults	Individuals
Hang out at the movies	Individuals
Play a sport with them and some with other kids	Individuals
Talking	Individuals
Loves to talk	Individuals
Have the same hobbies	Individuals
Chatting	Individuals
Play cards with each other	Individuals
Study new things	Individuals
Watch movies together	Individuals
Freshman and sophomore college students to work with students at the 9th grade level , explaining what it takes to prepare for college	Individuals
Share a meal together and have conversation about youths ideas and success	Individuals
Any community member that is concerned with future generations	Individuals
Be there for the parents- they sometimes need a break	Individuals
Be there to listen to their difficulties	Individuals
Give rides to places of interest than school	Individuals
"Buddy" system (i.e. Big Brothers for struggling students, after-school with paired up teacher/adult)	Individuals
Conversations with students (listen)	Individuals
Listen to the students concerns about school and work/careers	Individuals
Parents and role model encouragement	Individuals
Be a positive role model	Individuals
Older college friends	Individuals
Grandparents	Individuals
Coaches	Individuals
My parents motivated me	Individuals
Jewelry making classes	Individuals
Lessons (Swimming, music, etc.)	Individuals
Visits to after school programs	Individuals
Help with a fund drive to buy something	Individuals
Pet is taken on walk	Individuals
Party for someone that does not have anyone to care	Individuals
Making dinner/snacks together	Individuals
Be in the same room and ready to listen	Individuals
Bedtime stories	Individuals
Make a craft	Individuals
book Discussions/reading	Individuals
Chore help	Individuals
Dog walking	Individuals
Cooking Classes	Individuals
Building fences	Individuals
Volunteer at animal shelter	Individuals
Shopping together	Individuals
Letters to soldiers	Individuals

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Talk	Individuals
"Charity at home" event	Individuals
Recognize youth doing well and announce on radio or in newspaper	Individuals
Build a float and walk it at parade	Individuals
Invite parents to volunteer in classrooms/cafeteria/gym	Individuals
youth and parent field trip with a caring adult	Individuals
Event Promoting Success of the child	Individuals
recruit current youth volunteers, little league coaches, church youth teachers	Individuals
have current caring adults reach out to other caring adults	Individuals
match up groups of adults and kids with similar interests ie: Erie Runners Club with Students in Track and Field	Individuals
create an "Erie Core" local peaceopr concept	Individuals
Parent and Educator socailization events	Individuals
Adopt an Adult	Individuals
pay attention ot the good things, hold a "youth day"	Individuals
Parents spend the night in a box with children with no luxuries to show them that they need to graduate and get a good job to stay off the streets	Individuals
Homework	Individuals
Reading together	Individuals
Parents and students have the oppportunity to travel together for example out of Erie to Corry for events	Individuals
Family Dinner Time	Individuals
15 min of face to face contact a day or more	Individuals
Family Vacation	Individuals
Fishing	Individuals
Fashing Institute	Individuals
Music Venues	Individuals
Cleaning together	Individuals
Group activities (having child's friends over)	Individuals
Outings-such as trip to the mall	Individuals
Claytopia	Individuals
Crafts	Individuals
Being a parent not a "bff"	Individuals
Promote social events for teens	Individuals
Choose your battles	Individuals
be kind and supportive- focus on positives	Individuals
Stay connected with your child(w/o being overprotective or overbearing) to establish trust and communication	Individuals
Sports outing	Individuals
"Date night" one or both parents/guardians	Individuals
Cooking together	Individuals
Be there for your child's friend (who has no support)	Individuals
increase incidences of adults speaking to kids in school about how fulfilling their careers are	Individuals
Exchange letters talking about their life, jobs, hobbies, etc.	Individuals
Take children to a movie	Individuals

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Give volunteer's time to help those children who prepare to go to school	Individuals
The adult could help the child with homework 1 or 2 times a week	Individuals
Support children to have a variety of experiences i.e. an adult working at a museum provides child who is interested in art a chance to get closer to art in a museum	Individuals
Volunteer at children's places (YMCA, day cares, etc.) to be a role model	Individuals
Show everyone that you are nice and care. If others see that then they'll want to be more like you.	Individuals
Be a good person who children can easily approach to have a conversation and express their thoughts	Individuals
Matching up kids and adults as god parents and children	Individuals
Make a day when people of authority interact in games with kids, i.e. kickball	Individuals
Interact with them as much as possible	Individuals
Shadowing dates- visit adult's workplace, got to dinner or go out for fun nights- get closer to adult for someone to look up to	Individuals
A night to share stories- have people share their stories of them finding out the importance of education in their own lives, share experiences	Individuals
Free haircuts by adults for kids	Individuals
Create interact group including adults	Individuals
mentor program in neighborhood	Mentoring
volunteer opportunities that link adults with students in a mentoring role	Mentoring
Give teens knowledge about being smart and making right decisions.	Mentoring
Supervisor/Student mentoring though directed job placement	Mentoring
Reduced cost incentives to take mentor/mentee to events (Seawolves, movies, etc.)	Mentoring
Mixed mentor/student service days	Mentoring
Weekly mentoring meetings with volunteer mentors	Mentoring
Dinner	Mentoring
Quality time with children	Mentoring
Outdoor activities (sports,camping,fishing)	Mentoring
Father-Son time	Mentoring
Go to places you have in common	Mentoring
Field day with adults and kids	Mentoring
Sledding in the winter	Mentoring
Go out together someplace	Mentoring
Hangout together when kids have no other plans	Mentoring
Go out to eat with adults	Mentoring
Group of adults and kids play games	Mentoring
Figure out what is of mutual interest, do those activities together	Mentoring
Develop mentor-like relationships between caring adults through recreation activities (park, boating, field trips, or games)	Mentoring
Mentoring program to connect adults and youth (builds self-confidence)	Mentoring
Mentoring by coaches, neighborhoods, etc.	Mentoring

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For faith-based community: Create "It takes a village" initiative to united community in supporting youth through mentoring, homework assistance, etc. (we are all responsible for each other)	Mentoring
Have industry-specific mentors who help kids understand potential career paths	Mentoring
One-on-one programs to match adults with students who do not have caring adult figures	Mentoring
Mentoring corps to pair at-risk high school students with community members	Mentoring
Job mentorship	Mentoring
Help with their personal problems	Mentoring
Help them with their problems	Mentoring
Help with homework	Mentoring
Help us with school work	Mentoring
Someone helping with subjects	Mentoring
Recruit alumni from H.S. who live locally to mentorship in academics, sports, professional experience	Mentoring
Adult mentors from business and industry and social services to work in specific schools	Mentoring
Ask anyone interested if they would like to be mentors of children in school settings or maybe after-school programs	Mentoring
Role models	Mentoring
Mentoring opportunities through serving others	Mentoring
Mentoring	Mentoring
More adults get involved in existing mentoring programs, more funding for after school programs	Mentoring
College student/alumni from school district mentorship	Mentoring
Parent to teen parent mentorship	Mentoring
Encourage mentorship	Mentoring
Big Brothers/Sisters	Mentoring
Join a community group and be a helper/assist in guidance	Mentoring
mentoring programs	Mentoring
One-on-one friends	Mentoring
Tutoring	Mentoring
"Model Parents" to work with other parents	Mentoring
Inform community of places they can go to help kids	Mentoring
Young attorneys have an "Attorneys and kids" program	Mentoring
Be a trusted confidant to help kids with problems	Mentoring
Community Family fun nights each month	Mentoring
Community mentors volunteer after school	Mentoring
Mentoring programs with a youth's interest to a specific caring adult. Ex. Mentorship program with a tech trade student and a welding company	Mentoring
Mentoring projects with adult employers and youth workers	Mentoring
in school mentoring	Mentoring
Mentoring opportunities	Mentoring
Tutoring	Mentoring
Tie into Go college staff, programs, mentors	Mentoring

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Volunteering with kids	Mentoring
Mentoring	Mentoring
christmas gift exchange with adults and kids	Mentoring
extend concept of take a child to work day to beyond parent relationships	Mentoring
Volunteer fire depts.- mentoring program	Mentoring
Girard- Lake City Chamber Mentoring Program	Mentoring
Big Brother Program	Mentoring
Brother and sister programs	Mentoring
Celebrates success and mentors through difficulties	Mentoring
Establish youth mentoring program for at-risk youth- starting at elementary school level	Mentoring
Work with colleges and businesses on mentorship programs aimed at youth	Mentoring
Mentoring program	Mentoring
having more community oriented events	Neighborhoods
carpooling in neighborhood if no rde to school	Neighborhoods
make a community in neighborhood together	Neighborhoods
parents in neighborhood take turns making dinners for each other	Neighborhoods
take students to volunteer in events like Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, soup kitchen, communicate with kids individually	Neighborhoods
local businesses trying to offer jobs to students	Neighborhoods
family fun nights or community fun night	Neighborhoods
neighborhood wide gardening project- families and neighbors could build and maintain a flower or vegetable garden in their neighborhood	Neighborhoods
Adult and child sports teams- playing together (soccer, tennis)	Neighborhoods
Family carnival- bring vendors, games and the community together to celebrate togetherness.	Neighborhoods
Community game nights held at a local church or community.	Neighborhoods
Street Sports- kids and adults	Neighborhoods
Promote a one day per week or month, for "community," "reach out to a youth" day.	Neighborhoods
"Block Party Game Night"	Neighborhoods
Community wide 40 Asset Trainings	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood yard sale	Neighborhoods
Community carnival	Neighborhoods
Community Block Party	Neighborhoods
Festivals	Neighborhoods
An adult and student trivia night so adults and children can see what they know or have in common in a fun way and connect	Neighborhoods
More drop-in centers with positive adult mentors and role models	Neighborhoods
More free community education events a la the Jefferson Society but free	Neighborhoods
Volunteer opportunities or activities where one adult and one youth are paired up or 1:2. Challenge courses?	Neighborhoods
After-school programming	Neighborhoods
Painting murals/big group art project	Neighborhoods
Ice cream socials	Neighborhoods
Game night	Neighborhoods

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"Make your own pizza" party	Neighborhoods
Volunteering as a neighborhood to garden/clean, etc.	Neighborhoods
Clean trash in Erie	Neighborhoods
Parties inviting everyone	Neighborhoods
No neighbors in new neighborhood	Neighborhoods
Family picnic	Neighborhoods
Picnic	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood cook out	Neighborhoods
Fund Community Activities (math nights/literacy nights for adults/children)	Neighborhoods
Service providers have to encourage parents to get involved (positive encouragement to teach parents)	Neighborhoods
Community sports teams with adult coaches & parental supports (teaches team work)	Neighborhoods
Contact community organizations to volunteer in schools	Neighborhoods
Community/neighborhood "homework" days to help parents help each other	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood watch groups	Neighborhoods
Give youth in our community a platform to work on ideas for their education- ask them!	Neighborhoods
Parent led career panels at schools and community groups	Neighborhoods
Have community activities with student and caring adult (picnics, sporting events)	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood educational picnics	Neighborhoods
Provide setting (some adults have great intentions, but very limited facilities); church/community rooms	Neighborhoods
Have churches/other groups host neighborhood fairs/carnivals with free activities for kids; encourage these to be ongoing	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood student study centers where adult volunteers are available to help after school with homework, etc. (possibly in churches)	Neighborhoods
Encourage "reading buddy" projects for 1 st & 2 nd graders in the community, then with adults through local libraries	Neighborhoods
Cook off competition with adults and kids on same team (i.e. PB & J/something simple)	Neighborhoods
Create leadership positions in neighborhood for youth who are mentored by adults	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood block party	Neighborhoods
Having a neighborhood center	Neighborhoods
Movie night in the park (or any park/safe location)	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood group exercise where different parents take turns leading bike rides or hikes	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood game night at a family's home	Neighborhoods
More community events geared to "caring adults," and specifically parents; NOT at a school (word of mouth, give-aways)	Neighborhoods
Recruit "caring adults" to mobilize their peers in the neighborhood to join an event, disseminate info, join a parent's group, etc (word of mouth)	Neighborhoods

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Have community meetings between youth and adults to voice concerns or helpful ideas	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood scavenger hunt	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood water fights	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood movie night	Neighborhoods
Clothing drive	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood bonfire	Neighborhoods
Community basketball game	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood hide and seek game	Neighborhoods
Going to the park	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood party	Neighborhoods
Play outside	Neighborhoods
Having a game night with the loving neighbors	Neighborhoods
Offer specific small acts that neighbors can do to be a positive influence	Neighborhoods
Begin in the neighborhoods. Be an advocate for a child who needs one-on-one help in learning	Neighborhoods
Get to know the youth in your neighborhood	Neighborhoods
Community activity events to which students and caring adults are invited	Neighborhoods
Connect on a neighborhood level- within walking distance	Neighborhoods
Encourage adults to be friends in the neighborhood, rather than be in fear or isolated from kids, particularly teens	Neighborhoods
Caring neighbor	Neighborhoods
"Take Back the Night from Technology" at a community-sponsored event by the school district. All attendees would bring a dish to share.	Neighborhoods
Going to the park	Neighborhoods
Block Party	Neighborhoods
Music Lessons/community choir	Neighborhoods
YMCA	Neighborhoods
Game Nights	Neighborhoods
Mural painting	Neighborhoods
Community Gardens	Neighborhoods
Community/school Cookouts	Neighborhoods
Clean up community park	Neighborhoods
Community Sports leagues/tournaments	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood Chalk drawings	Neighborhoods
Game Nights (Board/card)	Neighborhoods
Car Washes	Neighborhoods
Dinner donation for a charity (cook together)	Neighborhoods
Playgrounds	Neighborhoods
Street Cleanup	Neighborhoods
Organize fundraisers	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood day at the zoo	Neighborhoods
Taking walks/hikes	Neighborhoods
Name plants along a nature walk	Neighborhoods
Dogs in the park, get together in the park with food and games	Neighborhoods
Volunteer Initiative	Neighborhoods

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Local history club	Neighborhoods
Fishing tournament (Mead Park)	Neighborhoods
Summer story hour at park	Neighborhoods
Michael Gaines Children Advocacy Center	Neighborhoods
Help MYAA, Boys Baseball	Neighborhoods
Game Day slash clean-up at amador local park. Possibly invite Adagio to set up a table for teen pregnancy prevention	Neighborhoods
Expand Neighborhood Watch Groups- Include this is Scope	Neighborhoods
Sponsor youth fishing derbies	Neighborhoods
increase the number of scout troops	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood clean up	Neighborhoods
Organizing a neighborhood sports team	Neighborhoods
Park clean ups through the Y	Neighborhoods
Get the Y program involved locally	Neighborhoods
Encourage local recreation agencies-YMCA, Asbury Woods Parks and Recreation to develop multigenerational activities focused on health, fitness, the arts. Ex. Fishingm painting, bike riding, exercise.	Neighborhoods
Create intimate vs. community wide on-going interactions, picnics, events, neighborhood movies, neighborhood cleanup, gardens	Neighborhoods
pair adults active in outdoor sports with youth- physical activity bonding mentoring through sports Ex. Fishing, golfing, boxing, exercise,	Neighborhoods
Building project with a community Ex. Planting and maintaining a garden	Neighborhoods
Promotional of Intergenerational activities/ hosting intergenerational activities	Neighborhoods
Reading Buddy- program at little free Libraries using books from Imagination Library at community centers or churches	Neighborhoods
Conversation Partners- at community parks during summer	Neighborhoods
Beach Day	Neighborhoods
Community "Pick up" game tournament	Neighborhoods
Community Workouts (walk, run, bike, aerobics)	Neighborhoods
Community Picnic with games	Neighborhoods
Weekly neighborhood fun night	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood concert/talent show (local bands raise money for a cause)	Neighborhoods
Sleepover in a school gym or YMCA where kids can just hang out and talk with mentors	Neighborhoods
Game night	Neighborhoods
Movie Night	Neighborhoods
Free community events for children and parents (in the community Ex. Zoo, expos, concerts	Neighborhoods
offer to take neighborhood children to library	Neighborhoods
campaign to encourage friendliness in community	Neighborhoods
neighborhood clean up	Neighborhoods
improve community centers to offer more activities	Neighborhoods
community gardens	Neighborhoods

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Hold conference & use angle of public safety issue as draw for more professionals/business leaders to become actively involved. Children who are well cared for and supported are less likely to be involved in violence and/or crime	Neighborhoods
After school programs for elementary, middle, & high school	Neighborhoods
Day camp with prospective kids & caring adults to orient/draw in the caring adult	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood game tournament (video and/or board games or cornhole)	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood cookouts- have police, fire, and local businesses to become more involved with the youth	Neighborhoods
Have neighborhood block parties	Neighborhoods
Adults in the neighborhood helping to organize sports "games" (i.e. baseball, kickball, etc.)	Neighborhoods
Community march against truancy and dropping out of school- speaker, march, get together	Neighborhoods
Have a neighborhood fundraiser/party where everyone makes their favorite dish. \$5 to get in, adults teamed up with students to make/bake the dishes/food and the proceeds go to the school or neighborhood play ground equipment/new band uniforms/new playing field, etc.	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood picnic- families can get to know each other better	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood sporting events- soccer, kickball, etc.	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood picnics	Neighborhoods
Block parties	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood picnics	Neighborhoods
Neighborhood hide and seek	Neighborhoods
BBQ	Neighborhoods
Community/neighborhood picnic- people that can, bring something to share	Neighborhoods
Set up road trips (school buses, etc.) for neighborhood trips (groups) to library, Presque Isle	Neighborhoods
Create "rolling" neighborhood theatres and puppet shows etc. (i.e. mimes)	Neighborhoods
Have a tour of the city and bring students to local businesses	Other
Match kids with volunteer families-like Big Brothers Big Sisters but with a whole family. They take kids who may not have any family structure on family outings and to family dinner, etc.	Other
Family board game nights	Other
Give adults ways to communicate (Actively help with homework: done, correct, can it be improved, highlight good work, build on strengths, facilitate growth were needed; Ask about personal life: friends, school, important events- show support for sporting events, recitals, award ceremonies)	Other
Reinforce secondary schools message & communicate local strategies on income differences between educational academic levels (combat doubts about the lack of value of higher-education)	Other
Have welfare/ government assistance pick up in the schools	Other
Help with ideas, homework, real application of things learned in school	Other

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Rewards	Other
Individual time spent together as a role in their life	Other
Increase opportunities for information sharing	Other
Contact community members to listen to a child read or assist with completing homework	Other
Provide incentives	Other
Helping the “Caring Adult” in realizing the importance of a child’s success	Other
Planned field trips for adults and kids	Other
Benefits/Outcomes	Other
Parent/Child read along programs	Other
Community message strong & often	Other
Find out if they know how the child is during with regard to their education	Other
Promote to adults the value of mentoring activities via career fair	Other
Tour higher learning facilities	Other
Promote/sponsor educational field trips to museums, science center, tom ridge environmental center, etc.	Other
Training for caring adults	Other
Parenting Classes	Other
Girl/ Boy scouts	Other
Involve themselves in extra-curricular activities with children	Other
Set up speaking engagements (PTA, Parole, Election campaigns, newspaper)	Other
Look at youth as resources not problems	Other
Expand access to pre-school programs including home visit programs to ensure K-readiness	Other
Pair up caring adults with people they already know who are also participating (more fun)	Other
Center around existing activities/structures where kids are used to going anyway (youth groups, community centers, sporting events)	Other
Develop group specific (benefits, steps, ideas) on how to encourage adult/child interaction	Other
Adult mentor program when business encourages its employees to work with schools to “pair up” students and successful adults to create a mentor relationship...helping child with issues/problems/work/and future dreams	Other
Increase safety & security in problem neighborhoods	Other
Include neighborhood watch group	Other
Ask employers to post informational pamphlets	Other
Involve social clubs	Other
Hold a county-wide contest for various youth organizations (BS/GS, YMCA, Art House, PTAs, etc.) to engage more caring adults	Other
Go to them: Organize meetings in the neighborhoods themselves	Other
Businesses involved in mentoring children and sponsoring activities at schools	Other
“Erie Corp” for caring adults to become involved to help a child succeed	Other

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Use S.T.E.M (or another model) to connect a child with one of the disciplines (science, technology, engineering, math) through a local business	Other
Parents can help with homework to stay connected with their kids and their schoolwork	Other
Offer some type of service activity to involve parents/adults and kids	Other
Events where youth can work with caring adults (i.e. Make a Difference Day)	Other
Sports tournaments with youth and coaches	Other
Youth service day	Other
Family Care	Other
Special help	Other
Stay calm	Other
Mother/daughter program	Other
Camp program	Other
Going to parties	Other
Have a party	Other
Go camping	Other
Have a game day	Other
Sport day	Other
Scavenger hunt	Other
Play basketball	Other
Board games	Other
Walk	Other
Sports	Other
Video games	Other
Games	Other
Baseball	Other
Scrabble Slam	Other
Football	Other
Volleyball	Other
Soccer	Other
Tennis	Other
Bingo	Other
Trips	Other
Interact with kids a lot more	Other
College students train young middle and high school students in academics and sports	Other
Online magazine- created by and for students about issues in their personal lives, community, and the world	Other
Major music program- introducing kids to real time studio experience	Other
Continue newsletters home in backpacks on how parents can assist their children	Other
Involve local sports teams to adopt high schools to develop relationships- and focus on the importance of getting a good education and staying in school	Other
ELL/ESL involvement- educate their populations	Other

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Minority individuals who struggle but made it	Other
Student/community forums, seminars, conference	Other
Increase community togetherness between businesses, Greek orgs, faith-based orgs, and educators- create forums and monthly dates to implement programs	Other
Forming relationships with service groups like City Mission. Serve Erie to provide opportunities for kids to connect with adults/serve others	Other
College students	Other
High school students to volunteer in the community such as BNI or elementary buildings	Other
Activation of a Police Athletic League to foster good relations with youth and the police, and provide a healthy outlet for the physical energy of young men	Other
Educate parents	Other
Increase education amongst parents	Other
Assist in sports	Other
Increase community service at least 20 hours	Other
Increase after-school programs that include children and caring adults	Other
All good ideas need money for marketing to stakeholders	Other
Join PTA	Other
Exposing/sharing success stories within our community and beyond	Other
Mock interview teams	Other
Therapeutic horses/trainers with children	Other
Family group decision making	Other
First, contact list to check in- flow chart of sorts. Then, a constant amount of communication via email, texts, phone calls, visitations.	Other
Identify who children would want as caring adults in their lives	Other
Provides order and discipline among the children	Other
Takes care of the children's health	Other
Celebrate achievements and tell them you are proud of their efforts	Other
Offer encouragement to dream and do best	Other
Provides food, clothing, shelter, school supplies	Other
Ask children what is missing in their relationships with adults	Other
Use existing agencies	Other
Ask what the student would like to do in life- discuss	Other
Enlighten and educate student as to what I do	Other
Sharing	Other
Informed	Other
Family-oriented	Other
Loving	Other
Culturally connected	Other
Team-oriented	Other
Diverse representation	Other
Can relate on some level	Other
Identify needs and create solutions/options	Other
Good listeners	Other
Spark creative interest	Other

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Participate in programs in the community	Other
Honest	Other
Fair	Other
Specially, the main idea of caring for a child is the parents, because they used to fill them full of knowledge by the parents as well as the teachers	Other
Ensure students complete their homework	Other
Ensure students attend school	Other
Encourage students to read often	Other
Ensure students are not tardy	Other
Discourage children from hanging with bad peers	Other
Discipline their children at home	Other
Best friends	Other
My parents' struggles motivated me to want more out of life	Other
Ensure their children are properly fed before and after school	Other
Parents give the full contraction for their children. They are not involved in bad activities.	Other
Lunch Dates	Other
Baking classes	Other
Holiday craft group (ornaments, pumpkins, etc.)	Other
Volunteer together	Other
Animal fashion show with local shletlers	Other
Family night at the museum	Other
Strengthen good existing programs	Other
Research best practices in this area	Other
Inventory existing programs	Other
Create skits	Other
Have students go out and talk to homeless to see how they got there	Other
Weekly free dinner with lessons on ways to stay safe	Other
Once a month free movie night	Other
Window Shopping	Other
Presque Isle (Beach party)	Other
Video games platform	Other
Develop incentives to involve caring adults (i.e. community service, tax incentives, cash, etc)	Other
Incentives (N.E. Point sharing program, Reduced cost education for volunteers, YMCA memberships, etc.)	Other
Bowling- 2 local bowling alleys	Other
Local library sponsoring activity	Other
Something that creates the opportunity for reoccurring meetings where talking can happen without distractions (like camping/bonfires)	Other
Adult- child rec. league activities	Other
Clean up the park day	Other
Volunteer "internships" with local service organizations for older kids	Other
Open afternoon rec. space (staffed with volunteers)	Other
Monthly family dinner nights- at home, local restaurant, bring families together to eat, communicate, and spend quality time with one another	Other

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Host a community spaghetti dinner with a "mix it up" seating arrangement. Dinner partners would follow a script to learn at least 5 things about each other.	Other
Organize student groups to volunteer in the community (at churches, local businesses, at elderly homes)	Other
5k bike ride or walk	Other
Counseling- advice, prayer, suggestions	Other
Play sports and games at the park	Other
Hold activities between adults and kids and help them to create positive relationships. Positive relationship helps parents and kids communicate better.	Other
Address speeches both to parents and kids, better to have their peers to address the speech so that they would feel that's something related.	Other
Have holiday parties	Other
Have a game day where adults and kids come together	Other
Have craft days with community	Other
I think parents can be a friend with their children. They need to talk more with their kids and know their thinking.	Other
Organize activities to connect children and adults	Other
Free city events for families to attend- like 8 greats but some people donate and host food tables for it	Other
Bonfires- gives family, kids, adults a chance to know each other- maybe provide a sermon of some kind to connect them with God	Other
Sports Day	Other
After-school care programs	Other
All ages night- dancing, music, games, etc.	Other
Park picnics	Other
Group trick-or-treating	Other
Non-expensive activities (outings)	Other
Group holiday celebration	Other
Going out to eat	Other
Hold free learning events like educational movies at city-owned buildings	Other
Sports tournaments	Other
Job Day	Other
Get their kid involved in a group, they will follow	Other
Once-a-month party	Other
Non-religious youth groups	Other
A community day where everyone can gather and talk and share stories	Other
Open door dinner/gatherings to show how education leads to success in the future	Other
Go somewhere fun like a playground so they'll feel free to talk while having a little fun	Other
Pizza/ice cream parties	Other
Create a stable place for students to study and socialize with peers and adults	Other
Provide transportation- could be dangerous though	Other

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Create an organized sports program for every season. The teams would be made out of adults and kids throughout the community. Each week there would be a game and practices would be held. (Summer- frisbee, fall- soccer/flag football, winter- hockey, basketball, spring- baseball, softball. This program would promote sportsmanship and team work.	Other
Form sports team	Other
Set aside nights where different adults in the community come to work with kids- like a college fair but have activities planned, i.e. show kids what job options etc. are out there	Other
Show them how to make a difference at a young age	Other
Invite high school kids to experience what careers they are interested in. Promote experiencing, and learning about new careers	Other
Study groups- tutoring and have cookies or something afterwards	Other
Incorporate community service into all aspects of the curriculum for credit towards graduation	Other
March on city hall for a good cause	Other
walk fundraiser together	Other
Volunteer with adults at a non-profit	Other
Establish network of professional orgs (i.e. Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club) who will have core group of mentors for youth	Other
Door-to-door campaigns with "Happy" bags with books, toys, educational game	Other
Create community centers in local facilities such as churches, halls, and in schools with educational and recreational activities	Other
Help with reading	Other
Discuss current events	Other
Physically present for meals and bedtime- prepares meals and monitors time to bed	Other
Rewards- receives real benefits associated with child's success (bonus for success)	Other
Restructure after-school programs to meet objectives and make more adults participate	Other
BrainQuest Trivia-like Night- use various educational subjects, i.e. spelling, geography, math, etc.	Other
More acceptance of others	PR Campaigns
Promote education to non-traditional groups (single parents, etc.); if more adults care about their own education they are more likely to care about youth's	PR Campaigns
Establish P.R. system to get the word out about success stories	PR Campaigns
Create recognition system to identify success stories to emulate	PR Campaigns
Promote volunteer opportunities for youth within organizations & private sectors	PR Campaigns
Publish list and provide local ways for youth to find/connect with these supports (40 developmental assets)	PR Campaigns
Gather and promote examples of the results of a variety of types of positive relationships	PR Campaigns

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Encourage community members or organizations to mentor/adopt a family	PR Campaigns
Set up a booth at community events/fairs	PR Campaigns
Educate public (PTA Meetings)	PR Campaigns
PR Campaign to talk about importance of working with children, sitting down and talking to the kids about their homework (reviewing all aspects of their day)	PR Campaigns
Insight to learning goals/needs (grandparents may not know what is expected or appropriate for 3 rd grade, 5 th grade, 8 th grade, 10 th grade etc.)	PR Campaigns
“Turn off TV & Computer” campaign	PR Campaigns
Find a way to put focus on education attainment in Erie Region (who has smarts...way to make popular)	PR Campaigns
Door-to-door campaigning for events/programs – Getting involved parents to help recruit other caring adults	PR Campaigns
Have an event/series that is structured so that adults know what is expected of them re: their child (list of ideas)	PR Campaigns
Elected officials educate children on civic engagement, responsibility, etc. through a junior leadership forum	PR Campaigns
Public Service Announcements/ other media to suggest free activities adults can do with kids	PR Campaigns
Promote 40 developmental assets	PR Campaigns
Media Support (paper, T.V., & Radio)	PR Campaigns
Have Mary (and others) on WQLN Saturday show talking about importance of caring adults	PR Campaigns
Guest editor article in the Times re: importance of caring adults in a child’s education success	PR Campaigns
Positive Reinforcement- Teachers/students acknowledge a 'caring adult' of the month (similar to Golden Apple Award)	PR Campaigns
News media highlight caring adult/child activities	PR Campaigns
Market the necessity for caring adults in the lives of children	PR Campaigns
Be patient and learn to understand the little things	PR Campaigns
More emphasis on athletics	PR Campaigns
Emphasis on parent engagement	PR Campaigns
Increase awareness of importance of daily school attendance beginning at kindergarten/pre-school	PR Campaigns
Public service campaign to community- the value of everyone has something to contribute to the success of this effort	PR Campaigns
More emphasis on after school programs	PR Campaigns
Express/stress the importance of education (i.e. show examples or statistics, pull up 5 children and show that one of them will not graduate)	PR Campaigns
Encourage/push "yes you can"	PR Campaigns
ID research that supports the idea of caring adults and increasing grad rates	PR Campaigns
Community Prayer night	Religious Groups
Youth Groups every other week	Religious Groups
Match youth and caring adults within the same church	Religious Groups

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Church-based weekly check-ins	Religious Groups
Work through faith-based organizations	Religious Groups
Informational meetings at churches	Religious Groups
Recruit caring adults by speaking at church events about the impact of caring adults on a child's success	Religious Groups
Parent groups at churches for support	Religious Groups
Specifically align community organization with group needing assistance (i.e. church youth group with church parish)	Religious Groups
Supplies inspiration and spiritual guidance	Religious Groups
Church and youth groups	Religious Groups
My church community supported me	Religious Groups
Church Gatherings	Religious Groups
Cultural Activities (dance, henna, food, etc.)	Religious Groups
Youth Groups	Religious Groups
Church groups	Religious Groups
adults volunteer to help in youth activities at church	Religious Groups
Local churches joining on an activity or activities	Religious Groups
Have a "field day" at a local church where adults and youth play games/do activities together. How competitive? Scores?	Religious Groups
Start a youth group	Religious Groups
Weekly youth group at the local church	Religious Groups
Family night at church	Religious Groups
Have churches expand neighborhood youth groups, i.e. St. Andrews have youth groups	Religious Groups
Afterschool program homework help	School
Night with kids in afterschool and clubs together	School
teen center that are intergenerational that teaches classes, cooking, sewing, public speaking, finances	School
mixed school game day field trip (community invited)	School
hold a school game night with students and staff (this will help to form a trusting relationship between the student body and the faculty)	School
school fun day with family and community members get involved	School
Teen dances, parents come too.	School
Motivational Speakers	School
Classes for adults to educate them on do's and don't's	School
Afterschool programs	School
Bring your parents to school day	School
Once you know and understand interests of what the kids like, expand on it starting in 7th grade. Ex: girls like fashion? Teach them sewing and crocheting. Boys like outdoor activities? Fishing. Also, program computer apps.	School
Have professionals i.e. accountants, police officers, and firemen come speak to 5-6th graders (or younger) about what they actually do. Won't fear the police. Encouraged to follow certain career paths.	School
Incorporate being a mentor into a leadership class at colleges	School

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Goal-focused groups at school. "One goal"	School
ACT/SAT prep groups	School
College visits with planned activities	School
Play games with children	School
Community service	School
Go to zoo	School
Art Class	School
Music class	School
Meet and greet students and teachers	School
Team night, one adult one kid on each team	School
Bowling night	School
Fundraising	School
Educational field trips	School
Math scavenger hunt	School
Study groups	School
Help out more with homework, don't pressure kids. Relieve stress.	School
Adults need to listen to kids and understand what stresses them	School
Movie night	School
After school get togethers with teachers	School
Rebuild image of the PTO model	School
Instill the appreciation of learning with flipped learning techniques	School
Schools set-up teacher-as-mentor for small groups of students	School
Family oriented school programs (promote interaction)	School
Ask for volunteers in classrooms	School
After school programs encouraging kids to volunteer with families	School
Have open house events at schools not just for parents but for community members as well so they can see what schools/students are doing	School
Career Clusters Speakers for kids afterschool (adults over lunch or breakfast- what is their job/what do they do)	School
Lunch time visiting from community members I schools	School
School events that include family (i.e. modern family picnic)	School
Family trip coordinator by school/youth group to visit college	School
Designated group study hours with athletic teams' coaches	School
Engagement through schools (parent nights)	School
Provide open houses at schools	School
Before/after school programs (add volunteers for 1 on 1)	School
PTA	School
Develop plan for how people can get involved in schools employing the 40 developmental assets	School
Find ways to make learning fun, hands-on, & practical (traditional field trips like zoo, state park; nontraditional like elder centers, ecology & environment, workplaces)	School
Enable the tracking of a child's progress so that intervention can take place	School
Increase after school "in school" study halls and mentoring	School
Encourage concurrent college credit courses in high school	School

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Develop an annual theme for one school: build activities in the community around it (Reading, fitness, injustices)	School
School Career week: Each week honors a field at elementary schools (Religious, fire & safety, public admin, public health, business adv, ...) to start kids thinking outside the box	School
Develop activities around a competition (attendance, grades, public service, fund raising)	School
Days at school where outside professionals can come into class and teach a trade or life skills. Ask them to leave contact info for interested students	School
School fairs (Carnival Day)	School
Parents aiding in after-school activities at the school	School
Bring caring adults to clubs/school to talk to students about jobs or college	School
Open houses at schools to encourage adults to interact or become involved with students	School
After-school programming specific to position (i.e. Politician- local government club, Police- law enforcement activities)	School
Tutoring (occurred repeatedly)	School
Go College	School
Connect with students	School
Get on the same level as the student	School
Schools can host special "parent nights" to showcase accomplishments	School
College and career fairs that invite parents to attend	School
Assign caring adults from a pool to at risk students- have them coordinate with teachers	School
Tutor students	School
After-school programs	School
College prep skills	School
Teach children the benefit of financial security in middle school	School
In-school meetings/visitations	School
Speaker to classes	School
Read to students	School
Trains children for/to work	School
Do 1 on 1 prep for tests and reports	School
School staff can meet after school with parents to work on strategies to complete homework	School
Community will sponsor/help sponsor schools/events to encourage students to have pride in school and have relationships with adults that support the school	School
Flood the school with adults during lunch, recess, study halls, etc.	School
Parent teacher nights to inform parents of help that is available through forms of interesting games/activities	School
Classroom activities that involve teaching social skills including tolerance and empathy	School
Social skill, job skill, emotional skill classes offered as part of the curriculum	School
Attend sporting events	School
They get night education while they are in school prenum	School

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Attend after school activities their children are involved with	School
Attend parent/teacher conferences	School
Read to a grade school age child's class	School
Shadow a student at their school	School
My teacher encouraged me	School
Teachers encourage	School
Playing Sports	School
Nature exploration club	School
Movie Nights	School
Art Clubs	School
Service Projects	School
Mandatory report to school	School
Increase number of after school events(Middle school esp)	School
Donate instruments to schools	School
Help students develop appreciation for diplomas	School
Special Person day potluck	School
Different themed/cultural dinner nights	School
Specific field trips with caring adults outside of school based off the nature of the cross.	School
Family Night (in schools and/or at community centers) with various activities each time.	School
Work to establish some form of online exchanges of obstacles and successes in learning	School
Outside Adult involvement in school clubs (exposure at McDownell) for a different perspective/pool of ideas	School
Develop different levels of involvement k-6-early intervention vs. Swat Team	School
Have specific tasks/roles for volunteers so they know exactly what they are signing up to do	School
Parent/Adult Reading book clubs with the children	School
Improve data disbursement so that all teachers and admin. Know who is in need at any point in time	School
find ways to open school allow adults in specific skills into the building to work with youth	School
adult- student/child ametr program, could be emotional/family support, education/study, athletic/socail, create opportunities for positive reinforcement	School
workshops using incentive to educate and engage caregivers on importance of education success for students	School
Student facilitated round table sessions	School
Active Positive Youth Development involvement in all schools	School
"Young Adult" to student socialization opportunities	School
Taking parents on buses to visit colleges	School
School Teachers assigned to students as they go through grades	School
Washer/Dryer/ in schools and provide an educational experience for adult while doing their laundry	School

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have a business adopt a school work with school leaders to identify students who can most benefit from the additional touch- time with a caring adult	School
Pair college students with middle school students, act as mentors, role models	School
40 Developmental Asset Trainings "Everyone can be an asset builder"	School
Train coaches in the 40 developmental assets.	School
Have adult volunteers go to schools to help students write a book (group project where students come up with ideas)	School
Have days for different careers and try to cover as many aspects of each career as possible in a single day	School
Group students with similar career interests and have an adult in that career take time to explain what they do (As a kid a lot of jobs can be pretty unclear. To have that clarification would be awesome)	School
College Students visit	School
Homework help for both gradeschool & highschool	School
Lunch and learn at school or Erie Family Center or anywhere students and parents can come together	School
Social Media	School
Millcreek Mall flashmob	School
Book club	School
Attending school functions they may be involved in	School
School functions- fundraisers	School
More one on one interaction/communication with teacher/students/parents	School
create smaller "learning communities" within schools	School
give students extra credit for participating in new activities	School
complimentary day at Waldameer or Splash Lagoon	School
game day events at non-school events	School
meet mayor, fireman, radio dj, etc at school assembly	School
fitness/sport interactive opportunities	School
young adult tutoring program	School
inspiring speakers at school	School
start early (elementary school) on mentoring kids about importance of school	School
ice cream sundae day at school	School
Meetings where the student invites a certain number of caring adults to celebrate their progress and plan for upcoming things	School
Each student identifies a list of all the caring adults in their life. Those people are asked to become involved via letters of support.	School
Each student has a "Web blog" or page that they identify caring adults should read and make comments, etc.	School
Caring adults present at assemblies & other school functions	School
Feature caring adults in school newspaper	School
Regular schedule of adults attending lunch in schools (i.e. every Friday, grandparents, alumni, business people)	School

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Weekend school once a month to get parents into classrooms and involved in the learning process to encourage academic success	School
Have parents spend <u>X</u> amount of time in class to show children that they are committed to educational success	School
Tutoring	School
Community involvement class offered at high schools in which students get real life work experience and are taught project management, all while serving their community (partnered with service orgs)	School
Elem. The school promoting "family fun" nights with students and parents (crafts, activities in gym, etc.)	School
Teachers/school personnel are paired up with at-risk students and meet with them on a weekly basis. Check on them, how's the home life, grades, relationships with friends, etc.	School
Invite the adults into your schools...lunch days, guest readers, guest speakers, etc.	School
Have speakers come to school	School
Volunteer at schools	School
Establish a club which helps children study	School
Field day at school where parents come to the school to be involved in fun games with the kids	School
Volunteer at schools	School
Create a program for students to have a "study hall" with retired teachers/staff so that they can be tutored/mentored	School
Have times when everyone can come to meetings if they are struggling or need help in school	School
More educational trips	School
After school programs- at the school a student goes to, a "caring adult" could stay behind to help those in need.	School
Teachers need to connect with students on a more personal level and make learning more attainable for the student- make them want to learn and encourage them to broaden their horizons.	School
Teachers could have a fun group activity for students after school i.e. they could have a snack, do fun games that can help them on an educational level, so teachers and students can get to know each other on a personal level- could be like a "study hall"	School
At schools, plan specific days when teachers interact/talk with/play games with kids (not academically involved)	School
Tutoring (academically)	School
Have adults come visit schools	School
Open houses at schools for the public for volunteer opportunities at the schools' clubs, teams, and classes	School
Property the credits for volunteer hours at high schools	School
Connect kids with the elderly by having the kids do their yard/housework	Senior
Tax incentive for seniors (such as the program where seniors go into schools for tax credit)	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Senior Centers	Citizen/Retiree

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Mentor connections between students and community members (especially senior citizens)	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Intergenerational activities	Citizen/Retiree
Foster grandparents program (RSVP program at senior centers)	Citizen/Retiree
Intergenerational programs where senior citizens and children work/play together connecting (center) adults with children (possibly at Senior Centers or senior homes)	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Inform grandparents & other caring adults on expectations by grade level enabling them to appropriately assist and encourage young people.	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Recruit retirees for volunteer mentoring	Senior
Child helping elderly neighbor	Senior
Seniors matched with youth	Senior
Retired person- can volunteer time to mentor/homework help with a student	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Pen pals with elderly	Senior
Wrap donated presents (senior citizens and kids)	Senior
Programs to bring elderly and kids together	Senior
Identify and visit neighborhood senior citizens in groups	Senior
Reach into Sr. Citizen Organizations provide them travel to the children	Senior
Retired law enforcement reps teach children how to be aware of their surroundings and live a smart/safe life	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Homework help with college students or retired teachers	Senior
students teach elderly to use cell phones, etc	Senior
volunteer opportunities for students at nursing homes	Senior
Old people service- take kids to senior centers or senior living communities to have open forums where they discuss history, how things have changed, and how they can help the future through understanding more of our past	Senior Citizen/Retiree
Use social media to encourage students to identify their support person	Technology
Use social media to recruit individuals to become involved in becoming a caring adult	Technology
Increasing/recruiting long-term sustainable volunteers through social media, get connected, service courses at universities	Technology
Online access to individual student achievement	Technology
Websites (identified through school): chat group, share school concerns, connecting thoughts/support	Technology
Teach kids to make movies and show them at local theatre	Technology