

What educators, volunteers and youth are saying about the VOICE experience:

"After today, I want to be an architect so I can build cool things!"

"I want to do good in school so that I can get a cool job someday."

"It was amazing to see how the kids reacted!"



Empowering People, Enriching Communities

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Vocational Opportunities Inspiring Children in Elementary



Don't simply tell them, show them.



The Importance of VOICE

It has been proven that children may begin limiting their vocational aspirations as early as elementary school. Even more troubling, many times low income children are not exposed to the wide range of professions available that would lead to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Research indicates children who complete an elementary-based career awareness program experience higher academic achievement, and display improved personal and interpersonal skills.

With these considerations in mind, the Vocational Opportunities Inspiring Children in Elementary (VOICE) experience was created.



What is VOICE?

VOICE is a project of North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC). NECAC's mission is to assist the disadvantaged within our service area by empowering people, changing lives and building communities.

VOICE encourages elementary school age participants to explore six career paths through an interactive, hands-on experience. These six career paths are:

- Arts and Communication
- Business Management and Technology
- Natural Resources and Agriculture
- Human Services
- Industrial and Engineering Technology
- Health Services



The VOICE Experience

The VOICE experience lasts 60 to 180 minutes. Professionals representing each of the six career paths teach students about their chosen career, as well as reinforce the importance of education and positive life choices. Students learn through interactive activities designed to demonstrate a facet of each career path.

VOICE at Home

The goal of the VOICE experience is for students to leave with the belief they can accomplish big things in their lives through hard work and positive choices. NECAC encourages students to continue discussion at home.

