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It is December and time to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The mission of Equipping Youth provides education and information to the youth in Cedar Rapids and across Iowa to make powerful choices based upon researched truth that will make for a lifetime of successful living. Your partnership with us in that endeavor is essential.

Our focus at Equipping Youth has been to prepare the office, staff, and curriculum for the work we will be doing for youth in the Greater Cedar Rapids area. Contacts have been made with over twenty schools and our curriculum has been revamped to meet more specifically the plans established in our grant proposal. The additional components added to the work of Equipping Youth include:

- Empowering Students while meeting standards
- Building assets and positive character traits in youth for successful living
 - Teaching lifetime success sequence and benefits of avoiding risk-taking behaviors
 - Partnering with schools and other community agencies that provide youth and family services

Parent Meetings

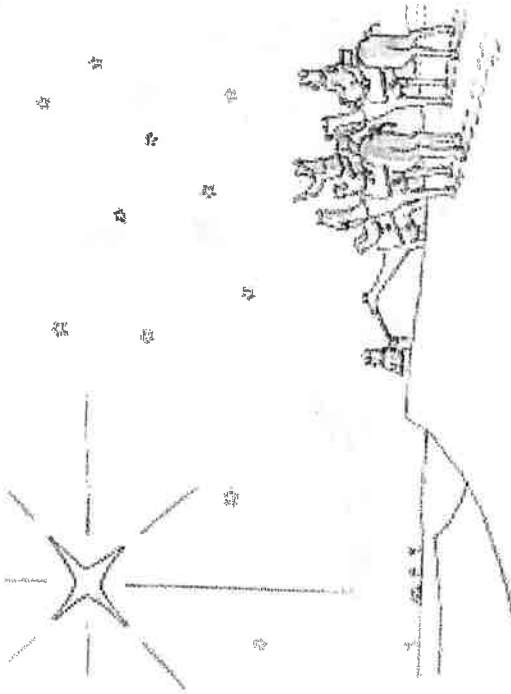
- Benefits of Powerful Choices
- Research of Proven Success
- Curriculum Highlights
- Issues of Child Protection and Safety
- Question and Answer Session

Community Meetings

- Speakers with positive youth motivation
- Involvement of community providers of youth services
- Introduction to new service providers
- Opportunity for networking

The changes made will enhance our ability to reach more families and build partnerships for added student success.

This student life map illustrates the understanding powerful choices gives to our students. As you can see the student is looking at two different approaches to what life has to offer. It shows that one way will lead to success when done in a specific order and the other way filled with things that you will be fortunate to survive or worse forced to deal with for a lifetime. It tells the tale of what it means to make good choices based upon knowledge, wisdom, courage, self-control, boundaries and a life aimed at excellence.



Merry Christmas and blessing to you with the approach of the New Year. Please remember us as you make decision about your end of year giving. Equipping Youth thanks you for all you have done and will do with us in the future.

From the Staff and Directors of Equipping Youth

