

What is community?

A community is a group of people who acknowledge their interconnectedness, have a sense of their common purpose, respect their differences, share in group decision-making as well as in the responsibility for the actions of the group, and support each other's growth.

-Dr. Sheldon Berman, 1990

What do community members need?

... to be surrounded by people who listen, care for, appreciate, and accept them.

... to feel valued and valuable.

... clear rules, consistent consequences for breaking the rules and encouragement to be and do their best.

... opportunities throughout the community to develop new skills and interests with other youth and adults.

... to value the importance of lifelong learning.

... strong guiding principles to help them make positive choices.

... the skills to interact effectively with others, to make difficult decisions, and to cope with new situations.

... to believe in their own self-worth and ability to make good things happen.

What is the challenge?

Intentionally create the community everyone deserves.

Who will YOU connect WITH today?

