

Service Learning



HOPE
CommUnity Center
Building Community. Enriching Lives.

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About Us



Hope CommUnity Center is a service learning community dedicated to the empowerment of Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities through Education, Advocacy and Spiritual Growth.

We exist to serve and cultivate self-determined communities through personal, social and communal transformation. Our vision is to be the premier center of hope and empowerment for Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities.



The background of the slide features a photograph of three young people, two men and one woman, smiling and holding a large, heavy bundle of harvested rice stalks. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green and blue gradient. The number '2.' is prominently displayed in a white circle on the left side of the slide.

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Why Service Learning?

Service Learning is a tool for social change and is a model of deep, enriched community service. It is more than just volunteer work, but rather a reciprocal model of service where those serve and those who serve mutually learn from one another.

Apopka offers a rich learning environment for this experience. Central Florida is brimming with history and diversity, from its rural farmworker roots to its increasingly urbanized, multi-cultural character.



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How Does It Work?

In our program, schools and organizations can choose their preferred immersion dates and package length. Immersions can be tailored to include specific workshops to meet the goal of the student's experience.

Immersion Options:

- In person
- Webinars
- Virtual

Immersion Package Length:

- 1 or 2 days
- 5 days

Number of participants:

- 5 to 15 people (Virtual)
- Unlimited (Webinar)



The background of the slide is a photograph of a group of people, primarily women, sitting at a long table in what appears to be a community meeting or workshop. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the foreground, a woman with dark hair and glasses is looking towards the right. She is wearing a dark shirt and a name tag that says "Hello" and "Joel". Other people are visible in the background, some looking at papers or devices on the table. The overall atmosphere is one of a collaborative and educational gathering.

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Topics Offered:

- Root Causes of Migration
- Agro-Ecology and Food
- Culture and Poverty
- Youth and Education
- Racism and White Supremacy
- Immigrant's Rights
- Intersectionality
- Power of Storytelling
- Theory of Social Change
- Power, Privilege, and Identity
- Impacts of COVID-19 on immigrant community
- And more...



“The hospitality of my host family was amazing. They were so welcoming and open to discussing their experiences. Their strength and courage is inspirational. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to spend time with them.”

- Previous Service Learning Immersion Participant

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Sample Itinerary

Please note: This is a sample itinerary of a virtual immersion.

First Day		Second Day
10:00 am		Check-In
10:30 am		Pandemic
11:00 am	Welcome & Introductions	Farmworkers
11:30 am	Hope CommUnity Center History/ Symbolism	DACA
12:00 pm		BREAK
12:30 pm	Staff and Programs/Game	Making Guacamole/Pico de Gallo
1:00 pm	BREAK	Storytelling
1:30 pm	Paths to Citizenship	Advocacy
2:00 pm		
2:30 pm		
3:00 pm	Root Causes of Migration	Bring Hope Home/Building Power
3:30 pm		
4:00 pm		
4:30 pm	Family Time - Everyone will break into rooms with host family	Evaluation/Goodbye!
5:00 pm		
5:30 pm		

Want To Learn More?

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