

Getting Involved in Public Service

An Asian-American College
Student's Experience

What is Public Service?

Basic Problem-solving

- Identifying a social issue (i.e education)
 - Everyday observations - what affects your life?
 - Research with hard data

- Formulating a solution
 - Policymaking
 - Providing Direct Services
 - Advocacy
 - Community Outreach

How can someone get involved?

- Find an issue that you care about, and think of ways in which you can create change --
 - Community-based campaigns
 - On your college campus
 - In your neighborhood
 - Volunteering
- Look for existing organizations that work on specific issues: a good place to start is...



College Experience: Creating Partners in English (PIE)

- What is PIE?
 - “a volunteer-based English conversation partners program”
- What were some of the reasons for setting up PIE?
 - Observations as a writing consultant on campus
 - Conversations with other students and professors
- What were some of the steps?
 - Establishing structure and vision of program
 - Initiating recruitment strategies
 - Following up with participants
 - Delegating responsibilities
- Where is PIE now?

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Human Rights Project

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A Reality Check: Some Tough Questions

- If public service is important, then why don't we see more college graduates pursuing it as a career?
- How can we encourage young people to become more involved?
- What are some current programs that help people get into levels of public service?
- How can young people develop skill sets that are necessary in the policymaking world?