Community Careers

This activity will introduce students to services in the community and will help them identify such services.

Related Subject: Social Studies, Language Arts, Information Literacy
Grade Level: Junior High
Concept: Brainstorming

Related Occupations: Fire Fighter, Nurse
Type of Activity: Team Activity with Class Discussion

National Career Development Guidelines
Use accurate, current, and unbiased career information during career planning and management. (CM3)

Materials/Supplies: Paper and pen/pencil

Activity
- Discuss community services with students.
- Have the students write down as many community services as they can think of such as the hospital, police, fire fighters, swimming pool, library, schools, etc.
- Divide the class into teams of four to six students.
- Ask the teams to compare their individual lists and make a master list on the chalkboard/whiteboard.
- Have the class check off the ones they have used as each team posts their lists so there isn’t any duplication on the master list.
- Ask the students to list, on the paper, services not available that they would like to have in their community and why they would like them.
- Have each team select one service (hospital, police, etc.) and list the different kinds of services rendered and jobs within the agency.
- Ask the students to discuss community services for which they may be interested in working and note them on their lists.
- For students who are interest in services being offered in the community, set up an opportunity for the students to shadow a worker in the community service area.

Evaluation
Students will be evaluated on their lists, team participation, and shadowing experience, if applicable.