



## The Power of Youth Voice & Action

In January, the Innovation Center's own Dr. Carla Roach sat down with The Prevention Researcher to discuss our [Collective Leadership Works](#) service-learning project.

For the past nearly two years, the IC has been supporting three community-based organizations as they use service-learning to create community change. Now, as this Corporation for National and Community Service - funded project draws to a close, our work is focusing on collecting our partners' stories - along with quantitative evaluation data - and distilling them into lessons-learned.

Dr. Roach's interview, published in February's edition of TPR, gives readers a preview of our exciting findings.

One important trend in the work that Dr. Roach discusses with TPR is the role youth voice plays in successful community-based service-learning. "The CBOs in this study were unique in this regard," Dr. Roach says, "because adult staff members were expected to let young people take the lead on service-learning projects."

This fundamental value of youth voice was a positive indication of successful community-based service-learning. For starters, in CBOs that valued youth voice, adults viewed youth as leaders and youth participated more fully in the work.

To learn more about our Collective Leadership Works initiative and read some of our preliminary findings from the work - including how community-based service differs from K-12 based service-learning, and how it uniquely catalyzes civic engagement - check out Dr. Roach's full interview in [The Prevention Researcher](#)

The Prevention Researcher is a multidisciplinary journal focusing on successful adolescent development and at-risk youth. Learn more about [TPR](#).

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### Highlighted Toolkits

[REFLECT AND IMPROVE: A TOOLKIT FOR ENGAGING YOUTH AND ADULTS AS PARTNERS IN PROGRAM EVALUATION](#) This practical, easy-to-follow toolkit is designed for adult and youth staff at youth development and youth civic engagement organizations. With real world case studies from community organizations, interactive activities and step-by-step instructions, the tool kit prepares both young people and adults to engage in a process of reflection, learning, analysis and decision making

[LEARNING AND LEADING: A TOOLKIT FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ACTIVISM](#) This research-based toolkit provides practical training activities and tools on civic activism as a strategy for developing personal, community, and organizational leadership. It includes promising practices, vignettes, and training materials.



