



Speak Into The Light Newsletter

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Welcome to the Speak Into The Light Newsletter!

We are excited to bring you another edition of the Speak Into The Light newsletter! Our programs, Don't Be Rude and YASS (Young Adult Supplemental Skills), are dedicated to fostering positive growth, community engagement, and workforce readiness.

- Don't Be Rude focuses on teaching children essential social skills, manners, and etiquette through interactive workshops, promoting kindness and respect in everyday interactions.
- YASS helps young adults overcome barriers in the workforce by providing career development, volunteer opportunities, and networking support.

In this newsletter, you'll find program updates, success stories, community resources, and ways to get involved. Let's continue working together to create opportunities for all generations!

Thank You & Get Involved!

Thank you for being part of this journey to instill kindness and respect across generations! Feel free to share this newsletter with family and friends.

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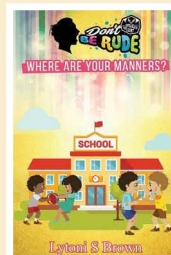
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Feature Segment: Don't Be Rude – Engaging Generations

The mission of "Don't Be Rude" is to help children develop positive behaviors and social skills through manners and etiquette. Our program emphasizes gratitude, generosity, and consideration, shaping young minds to foster respectful interactions. Whether in person or virtual, every workshop cultivates these essential values.

Book Spotlight:

Don't Be Rude: Where Are Your Manners? By Lytoni Brown is designed to engage children from diverse backgrounds, making etiquette learning fun and inclusive! Available on Amazon.



Success Stories for the month

- **Intergenerational Mentorship:** Children and elders participated in a kindness challenge, creating stronger bonds and learning mutual respect.
- **Community Impact:** Participants reported improved social skills and increased positive interactions at home and school.

Helpful Resources for Parents

Explore local resources in Cleveland, Ohio, to support your child's development:

- **Cleveland Public Library:** Provides daily educational programs, workshops, and activities for children of all ages. Visit: <https://cpl.org>
- **NEON (Northeast Ohio Network):** Offers financial assistance for children with disabilities, including summer camp funding. Visit: <https://neoncog.org/>
- **Find More Community Programs & Events:** Check out our program calendar for additional resources at <https://speakintothelight.org/newsletter-1>

We Want to Hear From You!

Your feedback is essential in helping us better serve our community. Take a moment to share your thoughts and participate in our survey—your input will guide us in creating programs and resources that truly meet the needs of families and young adults.





Speak Into The Light: YASS Program Edition

Program Spotlight: YASS

The **Young Adult Supplemental Skills (YASS) Program** is a structured in-person and virtual workforce development initiative designed to eliminate barriers young adults face when entering the workforce. Through partnerships with our community and volunteer services, Speak Into The Light provides opportunities tailored to various needs, from earning volunteer hours essential for graduation to securing job placements and fostering entrepreneurial development.

Recent Successes

- Multiple participants have successfully completed workforce training and secured job placements.
- Several young adults have received scholarships for career certification programs.
- Increased community partnerships providing valuable resources to our participants.

Testimonial:

“ The YASS program gave me the confidence and skills to network in professional spaces. I thank them for their guidance! – Jordan Bell ”

Did You Know?

- 85% of jobs are filled through networking—are you making the right connections?
- Adding volunteer work to your resume can increase your chances of getting hired by 27%!



Blog Features

Overcoming Job Search Challenges: **Tips and Strategies**

Struggling with your job search? Read our latest blog post for expert strategies to stand out in today's competitive job market.

Link: <https://speakintothelight.org/blog>

Explore more content on our website and take advantage of these insights to elevate your career journey!

YouTube Channel Update

- Featured Video: Unlocking Success: Mastering Resume Writing, Interview Skills, and Job Search Strategies
- Watch now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WorHX6WLFdE&t=1s>
- Don't forget to subscribe and share with others looking to boost their careers!

Upcoming Event:

Workforce Development Clinic

- Harvey Rice Library
- March 18, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

This event offers young adults access to training opportunities, employer interviews, and essential supplies to support their workforce development journey. Don't miss out!


Registration & QR Code

Register for our programs and events easily! Scan the QR code below or visit <https://speakintothelight.org/pathway-to-yass> to sign up and access more information about how you can get involved.




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