IEP Goals – Service-learning provides:

- Opportunities for academic, social, and life skills instruction in a real-world setting
- Opportunities for community-based instruction in an inclusive setting
- Natural setting for character education and social skills acquisition and practice
- Opportunities for functional activities that are inherent in many of the service-learning opportunities: i.e. – a clothing drive allows for students to sort, wash, fold and iron the donated items for distribution
- Incorporates and improves technology skills

Transition – Service-learning provides:

- Opportunities for students to explore and identify interests
- Informal and formal assessments of students in a natural setting
- Opportunities to develop work knowledge and skills
- Opportunities to develop and practice functional life skills
- Opportunities to develop social skills
- Students are involved in their community in a positive way and have opportunities to generalize acquired skills

Functional Skills – Service-learning provides:

Service Learning supports all of the key components of a functional curriculum: home, self help, employment, recreation, community involvement, health, and functional academics

- Students practice and improve skills of collaboration, organization, planning, and implementation
- Reinforces social interaction in a generalized setting
- Utilizes community-based instruction in a natural way
- Teaches financial literacy: funding and budgeting, etc.

To learn more about service-learning connections to Special Education check out this Spotlight on Service-Learning article found HERE located on the INSPIRE3 page.

- Service-Learning + Philanthropy Education in the Special Education Curriculum = A Formula for Success!

Visit the INSPIRE3 page on the IASP website HERE and on the IMLEA website here for additional service-learning resources. ALL Spotlight on Service-Learning articles, written by Beth Smith, are archived on the Spotlight on Service-Learning page. Snapshots of Service-Learning from Indiana schools can be found here.
Explore the free resources on Learning to Give and generationOn described below to find service and service-learning lessons and resources, meaningful ways to serve others and give meaning to content, help students discover their passions, and help them develop empathy through incorporation of service-learning into the existing content.

Imagine a world where all youth are knowledgeable and equipped for lifelong engagement in philanthropy as givers of time, talent, and treasure for the common good. The Learning to Give website has no cost Philanthropy Education/Service-Learning Lessons and Resources that Teach Giving and Civic Engagement through Academics. LTG equips K-12 teachers with lessons and resources to educate students as philanthropists with knowledge, skills, and action to make a better world. Connect students’ civic lives to academic learning and service-learning. Over 1700+ K-12 teacher created lesson plans searchable by keyword, issue area, subject, grade level, theme, calendar event and academic standards. Add service to your calendar by aligning philanthropy lessons and service-learning projects to monthly events. Browse the Issue Area pages with related lessons and toolkits. No cost Educator Mini-Courses provide online professional training in philanthropy education and service-learning. www.learningtogive.org

The mission of generationOn is to inspire, equip, and mobilize youth to take action that changes the world and themselves through service. Educators, parents, community organizations, and youth themselves will find free resources needed to ignite the power and potential of young people to become leaders and problem solvers, successful students and active community members through service. The generationOn website has no cost resources for many audiences that include age-appropriate issue area project ideas, instructions, how-to guides for K-12 youth, in addition to, service-learning resources, school and clubs programs, and online service and service-learning trackers for educators and teens. www.generationOn.org