



Volunteer Center of Sonoma County – Court/Expulsion Referral Program  
in partnership with  
Sonoma County Office of Education

### **Community Service Learning**

Volunteer Center of Sonoma County’s mission is to connect volunteers for a vibrant community. **Volunteer Center of Sonoma County also believes in the transformative power of volunteering and giving back in service to our local community.** Utilizing a positive youth development and social learning theory approach, Court/Expulsion Referral Juvenile Community Service seeks to provide students, who are mandated to complete community service hours, with appropriate volunteer opportunities.

Court/Expulsion Referral strives to place students in a variety of Sonoma County non-profit organizations where students can **practice pro-social behavior, build healthier relationships, and learn work readiness skills.** The Court/Expulsion Referral Program is in a unique position to impact our mission in a very profound way by helping young people reflect on past behavior and change how they interact with their community. Court/Expulsion Referral Juvenile Community Service hopes each student is able to transition back to their school district with a better understanding of what it means to “give back”, an engrained sense of belonging to “something bigger”, and a feeling of empowerment to make positive changes within their community.