

The Children's Aid Society Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program

Some of Our Core Beliefs

Young people are priceless – they are not disposable and they have no expiration date.

Young people are filled with gifts and talent. Our work is called "Treasure Hunting."

A pre-condition for learning and change is frequent and close contact with caring adults.

The most powerful practitioner tool is caring.

There is no genius to parenting or working with young people – simply outlast them.

Young people must see their worth in our eyes.

If we do not care, we do not count.

The difference between good and great is large in effect, but small in effort.

The deep emotional truth of our work is that young people are more important than we are.

Ongoing work with young people is urgent. We need to be desperate to help.

Youth are not "at risk;" they are "at promise."

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