

2024WARD: Building Brighter Futures with Today's Youth Leaders

Part 1 of 2

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**Through the Lens of Virtual Reality
Technology: Empowering Future
Leaders to Pursue their Dreams**

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Order of Presentation

- > **Introduction**
- > **1. Overview of FLON**
- > **2. SRAE Goals and Objectives: Using VR and AR**
- > **3. Introduction of Educational – Virtual Reality
(Complies with C-PREP and SRAE)**
- 4. Job Readiness and Career Readiness (CTE)**
- 5. It's Now Time for You to Experience the VR**
- Q & A and Final Remarks**





Introduction of FLON...



Dr. Diana E. Clemons
Executive Director



Mission:

To provide young people and adults with skills that empower them to set goals, become effective leaders, pursue economic well-being and make healthy choices



Future Leaders Outreach Network

Slogan: Leaders Are Like EAGLES, Soaring To Reach The Top



Equipping and adding value to students, parents and other caring adults throughout Kansas City, KS, Kansas City, MO and Dallas Fort Worth TX Metroplex to SOAR To NEW HEIGHTS.

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**Since 2004, FLON has successfully delivered
Choosing the Best and FLONs Pursuing MY
Dreams curriculum lessons to over 297,800+
young scholars in targeted communities of...**

**Kansas City, MO
Kansas City, KS
Arlington TX
Dallas, Fort Worth TX and
other Counties**



BELIEVE
in your
Dreams





During the Pandemic, FLONs Executive Director, Dr. Diana Clemons and Christal Watson, Executive Director with Kansas City Kansas School Foundation For Excellence, collaborated to discuss utilizing Educational – Virtual Reality (E –VR) Technology



KANSAS CITY, KANSAS SCHOOL
Foundation for
Excellence



KANSAS CITY
KANSAS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CASE STUDIES: Benefits of Using Virtual Reality In Classrooms

According to one study that looked at 1,000 students in three universities, the implementation of VR in classrooms led to students improving by a full letter grade.

One of the main advantages of using VR in education is that it raises students' grades.

Resource: <https://e-student.org/virtual-reality-in-education/>

Curriculums: Interplay Learning (Skill Mill), Omni Life, VictoryXR, PicoVR, Veative, Career Labs VR and Work Window (Since 2021)



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Overview of Future Leaders Outreach Network **Wilbur Dawson** Associate Director for C-PREP and **AEP-SRAE**



DELEVOPMENT





Project Initiatives for C-PREP, AEP-SRAE and GD-SRAE

Project Initiatives Mission: To equip young people with assertiveness and refusal skills through evidence-based curricula and supplemental educational materials, empowering them to avoid alcohol, drugs, tobacco/vaping, teen pregnancy, all forms of violence and self-regulation skills.

This preparation equips young scholars to stay focused on graduating from high school and becoming ready for college, employment, or their chosen job/career path.

ADULT PREPARATION SUBJECTS (APS)

2023-2024: Served 2,114 Young Scholars

- 1. Healthy relationships including marriage and family interactions**
- 2. Adolescent Development**
- 3. Parent-Child Communication**
- 4. Healthy Life Skills**
- 5. Educational and Career Success**
- 6. Financial Literacy**





AEP-SRAE (Dallas Fort Worth TX)

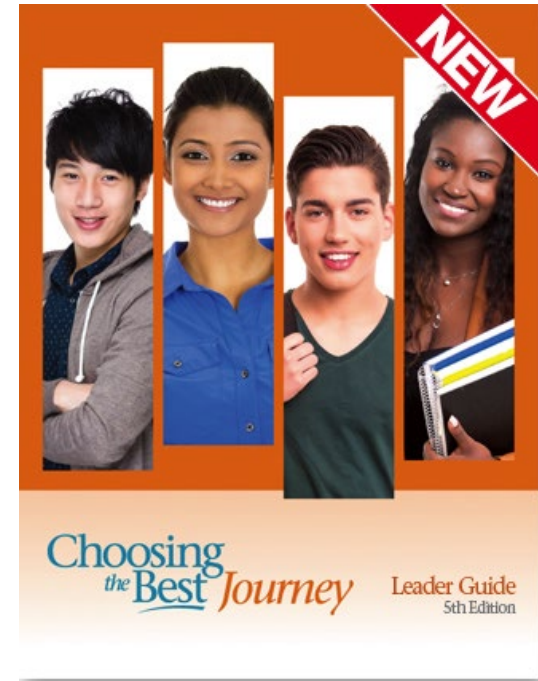
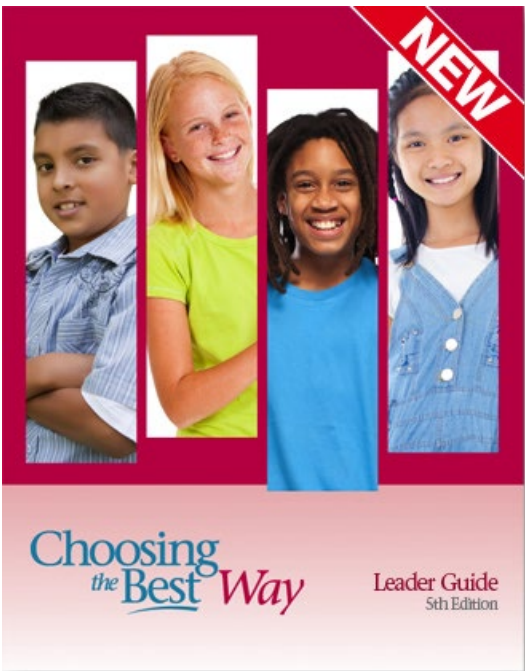
**Abstinence Education Program –
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education**

Required Topics:

- 1. Goal Setting**
- 2. Focus on the Future**
- 3. Self-Sufficiency
to Avoid Poverty**



The Choosing the Best lessons aim to encourage the avoidance of risky behaviors among youth, such as drug and alcohol use, tobacco, dating violence, and sexual activity, which can lead to teen pregnancy.



Resource: Choosing the Best

The Pursuing MY Dreams

Curriculum Lessons serves to augment (i.e., enhance) the 'Choosing the Best' curriculums by equipping scholars with essential tools for goal-setting and planning their future.



"Leaders are like Eagles soaring to New Heights."®

Transforming Young People to be Leaders and Leaders to be Agents of Change through their Career Paths

The cover of the "Pursuing My Dreams" curriculum guide. It features a large image of an eagle in flight against a blue sky. The title "PURSUING MY DREAMS" is in large, bold, yellow letters, with the subtitle "Let MY Journey Begin!" below it. Below the eagle, the text reads "Young People Avoiding Youth Risk Behaviors Healthy Life Skills Equal Healthy Future". At the bottom, there is a graphic of a trailer with various logos and images of students. The trailer has "YouLEAD" written on it, along with "Leaders and Entrepreneurs Academy of Dreamers™", "CAREER PATHWAY EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING", "FUTURE LEADERS OUTREACH NETWORK", "CTE", and "CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) 855-YOU-LEAD (855-496-8552)".

PURSUING MY DREAMS
Let MY Journey Begin!

Young People Avoiding Youth Risk Behaviors
Healthy Life Skills Equal Healthy Future

YouLEAD - Leaders and Entrepreneurs Academy of Dreamers™
CAREER PATHWAY EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
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A Teachers Guide and Student Workbook Journal

Pursuing MY Dreams Curriculum

This comprehensive curriculum includes modules Unlocking MY Potential, Financial Literacy, Leadership and Character Development, as well as an Introduction to Entrepreneurship.



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CAREER PATHWAY EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Architecture & Construction • Health Science • Culinary Arts
Information Technology • Education & Training • Justice
Arts, Audio/Video Technology • Transportation & Logistics
Science, Technology, Engineering Arts & Mathematics (CTE 440)

CTE Center

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A Teachers Guide and Student Workbook Journal

Pursuing MY Dreams curriculum includes Job Readiness and Career Pathway Occupations Exploration.



SEE YOURSELF IN THE FUTURE

Let MY Journey Begin!

Avoiding Youth Risk Behaviors and
Career Planning Exploration

Future Computer Programmer

Future Chef

Future Musician

Future Architect

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Throughout the Dallas Fort Worth TX Metro-Plex, the Associate Youth & Family Development Specialists implement the Competitive Personal Responsibility Education Program (C-PREP) to educate young scholars from curriculums Choosing the Best and Pursuing MY Dreams that effectively address each of the six congressionally mandated Adult Preparation Subject (APS):





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SRAE Goals and Objectives: Goal-Setting and Future Plans. Curriculum and Virtual Reality



Monica Portley



Goals and Objectives

(2023-2024: Served 1,300)

- 1. Goal- Setting**
- 2. Focus on the Future**
- 3. Success Sequencing for Poverty Prevention**
- 4. Teach the Benefits Associated with Personal Responsibility**

KID ZONE **GRADE 5**

Pregnancy Prevention, CTE, Veative and Umety

After each Choosing the Best and Pursuing MY Dreams lesson is taught, students receive VR headset to complete STEM academic lessons. Also complete PMD Job Readiness Simulation.



KID ZONE

Pregnancy Prevention, CTE and Veative, Now Umety

Veative, now Umety is a leading provider of immersive and interactive virtual reality (VR).

The content is designed specifically to support educators and enhance the learning experience for students.





YouLEAD - Leaders and Entrepreneurs Academy of Dreamers and KID ZONE (After School)

Virtual Reality for academic learning is here to stay in education, and for very good reason.





YouLEAD - Leaders and Entrepreneurs Academy of Dreamers and KID ZONE (After School)



Creating an Educational – Virtual Reality (E-VR) environment that heightens a desire to learn and excellent for planning your future.



Supporting Students with Special Needs

Augmented and virtual reality can help students with special needs practice their soft skills and explore a variety of career pathways.



Resource: EdTech Focus on K-12:

<https://edtechmagazine.com/k12/article/2020/04/how-immersive-technology-can-expand-cte-options-students-disabilities>

Supporting Students with Special Needs

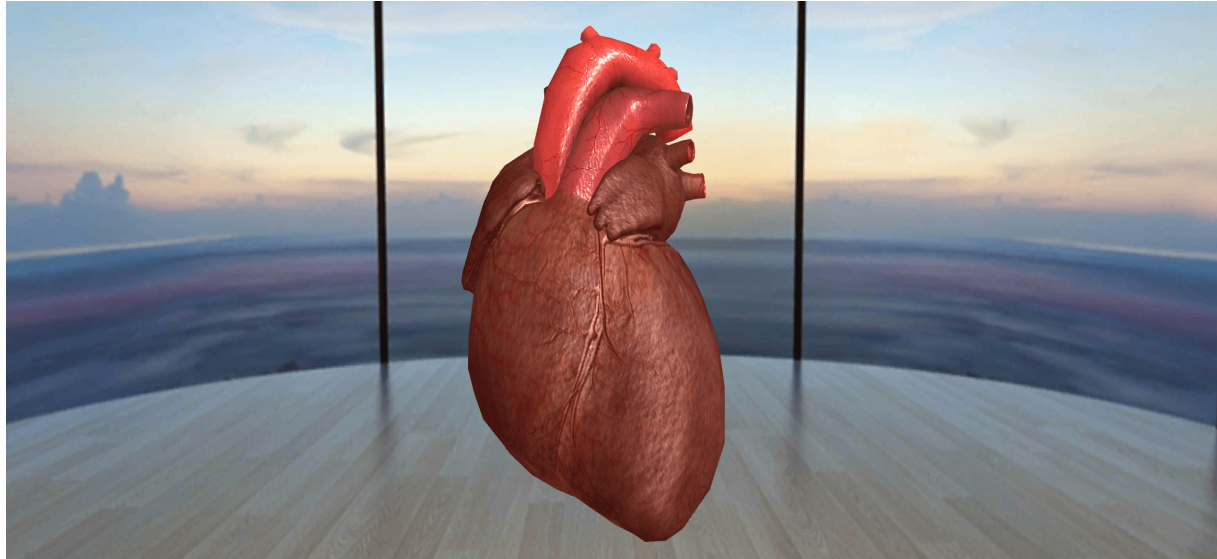
Immersive technology not only has the potential to transform classroom learning for students with disabilities, but it also can prepare them for the 21st-century workplace, thanks to virtual learning environments and simulations.



Resource: EdTech Focus on K-12:

<https://edtechmagazine.com/k12/article/2020/04/how-immersive-technology-can-expand-cte-options-students-disabilities>

Heart System: Alcohol and drug use at a young age can indeed affect the heart.



Drinking, smoking, and using drugs — even recreationally — is linked to premature heart disease in young people, especially women, according to new research.

Resource: www.healthline.com Photo: VictoryXR

Added Value to Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Programs

Benefits of Integrating Virtual Reality

VR enables active learning, which is a teaching methodology that involves students' full attention and participation as they learn by “doing” as opposed to learning through alternative passive methods, such as listening to a lecture.

- **Increased Information Learning**
- **Improved Engagement**
- **Improved Knowledge**
- **Increased Retention**



Resource: <https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/education/transforming-education/vr-in-education.html>

Added Value to Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Programs

Benefits of Integrating Virtual Reality (VR)

By fueling curiosity and embracing active learning through innovative technologies, VR could measurably change the landscape of education over the next decade.

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Q and A

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Slide 15: Choosing the Best

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Slides 23-25: Veative and Umety

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Slides 29 – 30: <https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/education/transforming-education/vr-in-education.html>