



LUSSIER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

building community. creating opportunities. enriching education.

Organizing and Power

Creating a just community requires amplifying the power of people most affected by injustice.
When people learn to build and use their power together, they solve problems and make the community a better place to live.

Positive Youth Development

positive experiences
+ positive relationships
+ positive environments
= positive outcomes

Our view of positive youth development extends beyond youth to include **asset-based** views of community engagement and leadership at any age.

Trauma Informed Mindset/Culture

TRAUMA is extreme stress that overwhelms a person's ability to cope. Roughly two in three children are exposed to traumatic experiences with the potential to impact brain development, social functioning, and their ability to learn and engage in school. TRAUMA-INFORMED means **using what we know about the effects of trauma to guide practices and interactions to strengthen and support everyone.**

LUSSIER FRAMEWORK

five bodies of research and practice guiding and animating our work

Racial and Social Justice

Real, pervasive, significant, and systematic injustice persists in our community and society, and it has a direct effect on the lives of people at the LCEC. **Either we actively support justice, or we passively perpetuate injustice.**

Intrinsic Motivation

Decades of research says that people of all ages are intrinsically motivated to learn. Our intrinsic motivation to learn emerges when **we feel welcomed, safe and included; have the choice to learn what is relevant to us; are engaged in learning that is significant and challenging to us; and can see ourselves making progress,**