

JDC NEWSLETTER

What is a Virtue?

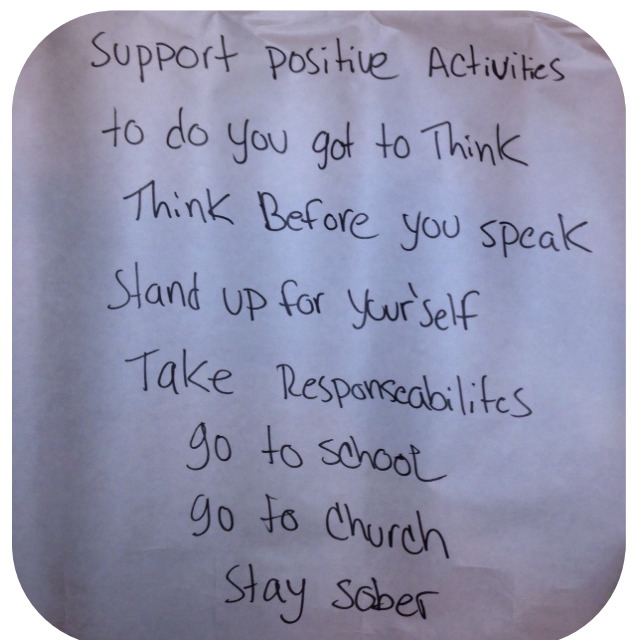
- "Trust, honest, patience, good characteristics."
- "Es necesario pensar."
- "Positive person."
- "A key to success."
- "Strength."
- "Positive actions, patience, humble, cheerful."
- "Positive actions that you can not see."
- "Trust."
- "Having tolerance, paramount."
- "Being humble or a good trait."
- "Takes time, trust, honest."

What is Patience?

- "It's time/virtue."
- "Pacencia es tiempo y tiempo es paciencia."
- "Patience is bitter but its fruits are sweet."
- "A person who doesn't rush things."
- "The ability to keep a good attitude while waiting."
- "A person who is calm and doesn't rush anything."
- "Waiting for something."
- "Ability to wait with a good attitude."
- "A motivator."
- "Self-control. Someone who doesn't complain."

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

The topic for this month's JDC Newsletter is "Patience is a Virtue." The content displayed in this issue was written by a group of young men residing at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The participants came together in a community meeting format to discuss "what is a virtue?" and "what is patience?" Their thoughts, ideas, and word poems are reflected below.



Above: Ideas brainstormed when discussing our community, and values that reflect an empowering culture of thinking.

"To stay calm in life."

"Time, action."

"Is to not be eager and not to lose control."

"Wait on something and not lose control."

"Waiting in a calm matter."

Describe a father who exudes the character trait: "Patience is a virtue."

"My girlfriend's father is honest with me; he trusts me and he is patient, more than my father."

"What does any father do with their patience?"

"Count to 10."

"He's a positive role model for his children. He always does right for his children. He loves and cares for them."

"My father was honest with me when he was living, my father trusted me, he was patient. That's why my father had good characteristics."

"If a father is patient, he will wait on his child to be born."

"Have a job. Take care of his family. Control his family."

"Fear no man."

"Patient fathers just chill when I'm shopping at the store with my girlfriend, and he just be chillin in the car waiting patiently."

"He doesn't overrule his child, he doesn't rush him into things. He teaches his son and daughter positive things and keeps them from [doing right from wrong]."

"He's a positive role model for his children."

"A good father loves his/her kid."

"He's always there for his children. Takes care of his responsibility, has manners, and he's a positive role model for his children."

"Patience helps me deal with people who are [tryful], ignorant, and incompetent by staying away from everybody who is not virtuous."

Write an original 'Word Poem' that spells "Patience" or "Virtue" when you read the first letter of each line vertically and the words themselves describe or involve patience.

(Readers: The young man's word poem below spells "PATIENCE" when you read the first letter of each line vertically, and the words themselves describe or involve patience).

Potential

Attitude

Team work

Integrity

Enthusiasm

Never think negative

Cooperation

Education



Critical Community of Practice Creating an Empowering Culture of Thinking

Readers: Please read more word poems on this page written by the young men. Some words are duplicated in several poems, because the young men collaborated and shared words they thought of together in teams. We encouraged them to work together as a community and celebrated their successes of working in teams!

Varying

In

Real

True

Unexpected

Events

Vouch for more

Intelligence

Respect

Take charge

Understand

Eradicate bad influences

Prayers

Answered

Through

Integrity

Every

Night

Causes

Everything

Participation

Anger management support

Team work

Integrity

Every

Negative

Co-ed class

Education

Vouch for more

Integrity

Respect

Tutors/ teachers

Unique

Elements

Potential

Attitude

Trait

Issues

Every

Negative

Cooperation

Education

Positive

Attitude

Towards

Inconsistent

Eradicating

Non-sense

Causing

Embarrassment

Special Thanks to Wayne Rawlins, Positive Peer Leadership Mentoring Program, Miami-Dade Anti-Gang Strategy Initiative; Dr. Debra Pane, Eradicating the School-to-Prison Pipeline Foundation, Inc. (E-SToPP); Miguel Peña, Florida International University student; Alyssa Soto-Garcia, FIU Intern; Dr. Gladys Negron, Regional Director, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Daryl Wolf, Superintendent, Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center; Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center Staff; Morris Copeland, Director, Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department; Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department Prevention Initiative Staff.