

# Developing Successful Projects or Programs: Youth Entrepreneurship

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# Where does the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Start?



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**When an adult says,  
“I have an idea!”**



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# Who responds?

- ▶ SBDCs
- ▶ CDFIs
- ▶ Secretary of State's office – One Stops
- ▶ Incubators/Accelerators/Coworking Spaces
- ▶ Others?



**When ideas sprout, we  
spring into action, right?**



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**Who plants the seed?**



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**Teachers in the K-12 system and  
in higher education are doing it.**

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# What do schools and teachers need to successfully introduce Eship to K-12 students?

- ▶ Connections to expertise in the community
- ▶ Teacher training funds
- ▶ Project funds





**Talk** among yourselves



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**How can you** plant seeds to grow  
young entrepreneurs **in your**  
**community?**



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# Your ideas?



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# Why is K-12 Eship important?

- ▶ Doubles students' career choices
- ▶ Provides a career path to stay in the community
- ▶ Creates an economically healthier community
  - ▶ 1 500-job plant or 50, 10-job small businesses?



**Thank you!** Go forth and do  
good work!



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