

# Will County Cares

A collaborative strategy for successfully achieving the well-rounded development of our youth



## Traits

- Honesty
- Initiative
- Moral Character
- Perseverance
- Integrity



## Skills

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Team Contribution
- Leadership
- Organization
- Critical Thinking



## Behaviors

- Positive Work Ethic
- Community Involvement
- Self-directed Learning
- Lifelong Learning
- Respect of Self and Others
- Conflict Resolution

*Success in Life and Career*

Will County Cares is a collaborative effort between the public and private business sectors (including non-profit) in partnership with the educational community to ensure our young people have the needed **traits** and **skills** to be successful in life and career. Because **behaviors** related to work-ethic, or “soft skills,” permeate all interactions, they have been identified as the prerequisite foundation for successful employment. By ensuring the necessary supports for these behaviors are available, Will County Cares will also strengthen the overall quality of the workforce in Will County. The long-term goal of the initiative is to ensure that across all of Will County our youth have access to, and will benefit from, “best practice”

programs related to:

- Character Awareness
- Enrichment
- Support Services

Equipped with a data driven understanding of the “best practice” programs and working through the Will County Community Foundation (inspiring philanthropy and gathering community resources to assure Will County’s well-being) and our business community, Will County Cares is envisioned as the umbrella initiative that will certify, coordinate, communicate, equalize, and extend the best practices offerings through Will County—essentially transforming islands of excellence scattered throughout the area into a blanket of excellence that permeates the county.