

# motivating youth

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Motivation to do a job comes from without; motivation to do a good job comes from within
2. Remember with a child's heart
3. Start out at their level, not yours
4. Invest heavily in them; Positive investments make for positive returns
5. See them as they might be, not as they are
6. Show love in many ways; be creative
7. Remember that your 100% is not their 100%
8. Do not be afraid to self-disclose; then you become real to them

## THE TWELVE COMMANDMENTS OF MOTIVATING

1. Do not attempt to motivate youth without first being motivated.
2. Have a message to instill within the hearts of the young.
3. Do not prejudge any youth based on race, relatives, or socioeconomic status.
4. Do not think yourself always right.
5. Govern yourself as though you were someone's significant other (because you probably are.)
6. Regard youth unconditionally.
7. Do not refer to youth as Clients
8. Walk the Walk., if you Talk the Talk
9. Look on youth as they will be (after you have touched them, not before)
10. Strive to reach the whole child.
11. Use your experience to teach, not preach.
12. Be truthful.