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## **NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE HELPS YOUTH DEVELOP SKILLS FOR LIFE**

*Features information and activities for youth, parents, caregivers and youth development professionals*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashville parents, youth and educators now have access to a wealth of resources to help young people develop the skills they need to thrive in education, careers and life, thanks to a new [interactive website](#) launched by the Nashville After Zone Alliance, a part of Nashville Public Library.

The content is centered around [Nashville's Vision for Holistic Youth Development](#) – a framework that guides us to create a community where youth can develop the skills they need to thrive. It takes a holistic approach to youth development, focusing on cultivating social-emotional skills that enhance youths' overall well-being as individuals and as members of society.

The Vision framework was developed through a partnership between Vanderbilt University and NAZA, with the voices and feedback of more than 200 community stakeholders, including youth, parents and caregivers.

Parents, caregivers, community members and youth will find information about the elements of the Vision, videos, free resources, and fun activities designed to help young people develop key skills. Youth development professionals can access additional resources such as curriculum materials and information about upcoming training related to the Vision.

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### **About Nashville Public Library**

With more than two million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL, and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: At NPL, books are only half the story.

Learn more at [library.nashville.org](http://library.nashville.org).

### **About the Nashville After Zone Alliance**

NAZA's mission is to increase youths' equitable access to out-of-school time learning experiences that help youth thrive and develop to their full potential. Launched in 2010 by former Mayor Karl Dean, NAZA is a partnership between the Nashville Public Library, Metro Nashville Public Schools, the Mayor's Office, and over 30 youth development organizations all working collaboratively to improve the learning experiences of youth.

Learn more at [nashvillez.org](http://nashvillez.org).

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