

What are some helpful tips or pieces of advice you'd like to share with the group? This could be related to planning, organization, facilitation, public speaking, collaboration, mentorship, etc.?

“Noticing if something engages the group you are working with, and with that, being able to be flexible in order to go with what will make the day more successful. If something you're doing is not working, being able to adapt is very valuable.”

Macie Smith, Lead Trainer, Sudbury Public Schools

“When planning something, have everything laid out and ready. Before you start, have everything prepared so then you are all set for when you start your project so you can be confident and stress free.”

Yanira Uribe Rosa, Deputy Trainer, Marlborough Public Schools

“Know your place! You are the expert on Playbook and you were given the opportunity to teach it for a reason. Believe in yourself and be confident in your skills.”

Tori Rose Rich, Lead Trainer, Worcester Public Schools

What is a best practice used by your school district to execute the Playbook Initiative? (i.e. how student participants were selected; Trainer mentorship; best practices with specific facilitation components; community engagement; etc.)?

“Communicating with the students as equals. Especially as a high schooler, the middle school students can feel intimidated and feel the need to act out or be rude to you but if you go in with confidence and make a connection with them it'll improve your workshops.”

Tori Rose Rich, Lead Trainer, Worcester Public Schools

What advice would you like to share with first-time Playbook Districts?

“Practice! Go through the presentation and act out what you're going to say. Also, prepare yourself for anything to happen. If the projector breaks or the kids are interested in an activity, don't worry. It doesn't ruin your workshop; it just gives you an opportunity to improvise.”

Tori Rose Rich, Lead Trainer, Worcester Public Schools