



SAVE LIVES UNITE OKLAHOMA

Lesson 8: What is a Collective Impact?

Learning Objective(s):

Students will develop an understanding of the difference they can have on their communities and will develop an understanding of the terms collective impact and civic engagement.

Background:

In 2017, approximately 60,000 adoptable pets were euthanized in the state of Oklahoma. The Save Lives - Unite Oklahoma initiative – a project led by the Kirkpatrick Foundation, is a push to make Oklahoma a no-kill state by 2025 – this is a fight to reach a one hundred percent live release rate in the state of Oklahoma. This effort will require citizens of all ages and backgrounds to become knowledgeable about current practices in animal wellbeing, learn ways that they can support and encourage change within their own communities and for everyone to become civically engaged. The focus will be on promoting involved engagement through a collective impact model that will focus on education, the sharing of best practices, and coming together to discuss ways to improve the live release rate of shelters.

Vocabulary:

1. **Collective Impact** – a framework to tackle complex, large-scale social problems.
2. **Civic Engagement** – working to make a difference within a community.

Classroom Discussion:

1. Ask students to consider their role in the Save Lives – Unite Oklahoma initiative. Create a list of things that students can do to have a positive impact on the goal of the initiative.

Student Activity:

Ask students to take action. Place students in groups of 3-4 students and ask each group to choose one item from the classroom list of action items. (Items may include creating PSA's, writing letters to an animal shelter, Chief of Police, Animal Control Officer or mayor, volunteering at shelters, make sure your own pet is spayed or neutered, report stray animals in the neighborhood, write the newspaper.) Ask students to complete the following:

1. Create a plan of action. (Assign student jobs, create a list of steps that need to be taken, calls that need to be made, etc.).
2. Execute the plan of action and document each stage (documentation can include narratives, photos of students carrying out their project, etc.).
3. Ask students to present the results of their project to the class.



Teachers, send us a photo of your classroom's list of action items and photos of groups carrying out their action plans and you'll be entered to win a \$500 gift card for your classroom and your students could win a pizza party. To submit your photo, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/savelivesOK>