

New Perspective...New Growth

## 10 Proven Strategies to Help the Under-Resourced Student Succeed

- 1. Create Mental Models, which are internal symbols or representations of external reality. Helps build a bridge between concrete and abstract, helps imbed knowledge and helps with recall of facts.
- 2. Help change their Future Story: How? Journaling, dream boards, discussions, visualization, goal-setting, instill HOPE.
- 3. Provide opportunities for 'little wins' as often as possible.
- 4. Maintain high expectations and remind them often.
- 5. Create opportunities for them to give back and serve others.
- 6. Include cooperative learning as often as possible. What are the benefits?
- 7. Teach mutual respect, empathy, and compassion. We are born with only 6 innate emotions: Fear, Anger, Happiness, Sadness, Surprise and Disgust. Everything else must be taught and modeled.
- 8. Relate material to prior knowledge and to their personal lives make it relevant to their life, their circumstances.
- 9. Have powerful opener to grab their attention...be creative...have fun!
- 10. Present a lesson in multiple ways to get material stored in their brain. Include movement when possible. Movement is powerful and most kids in poverty are kinesthetic learners.

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