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## **TOP TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FIELD SERVICES PROGRAMS**

1. **Provide training at a low cost in a variety of formats on a broad range of topics relevant to the field.**
2. **Offer on-site assistance and reliable up-to-date resources for free or at a low cost to constituents.**
3. **Advocate on behalf of small museums and historical societies.**
4. **Understand and anticipate constituents' needs.**
5. **Make connections, seek input, and establish ongoing respectful relationships with constituents.**
6. **Have well-trained, highly effective professional staff.**
7. **Receive adequate support for equipment, resources, and staff.**
8. **Pursue continuing professional development of staff.**
9. **Make connections and establish ongoing relationships with professional colleagues.**
10. **Help broaden public appreciation of the role of history in society.**