

Youth & Adult Partnerships

Workshop Assessment



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Successful youth and adult partnerships are created when both youth and adults operate from a mindset of mutual respect, trust, and support, and when they work together to further individual and community development. Youth engagement - involving young people as full partners and key decision makers in programs, organizations, and systems that affect their lives - supports successful youth and adult partnerships.

The following questions are intended to help you assess your understanding, knowledge, and beliefs about the youth/adult partnerships in your org. After answering these questions, we encourage you to have a dialogue about your responses with both your coworkers and young people. This tool can also help develop a baseline to use in accessing further training needs and making necessary corrections in the course of programs.

1. What do youth and adult partnerships look like? Can you describe how this concept is put into practice?
2. How familiar are you with research of anecdotal evidence about young people in decision making?
3. What youth and adult partnership principles or concepts are at the foundation of your programs or projects?
 - a. Are these in writing? Where?
 - b. Are they shared with other project staff or collaborating partners? How
 - c. Are they shared with young people who participate in projects or programs? How?
4. What policies and practices does your organization have that ensure successful youth and adult partnerships?
5. What additional policies and practices are needed in your org to ensure successful youth and adult partnerships?
6. Does project staff have opportunities to discuss with each other their individual youth and adult partnership approaches? How do these relate to the overall mission of the program or organization?
7. How are young people involved in organizational and programmatic decision making?
8. In your organization, are young people encouraged and supported to assume leadership responsibility within the context of youth and adult partnerships?
 - a. What mechanisms are in place - or could be put in place - to ensure that young people gain the skills and expertise they need for leadership responsibilities?
9. After reviewing your responses to the questions above, what are some steps you would like to take to improve youth and adult partnerships in your organization?

