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Youth Engagement

Training Session #1
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Survey says... youth engagement training format

- **Youth Engagement resource document**: 18%
- **Training session #1 (today!)**: 21%
- **Training session #2 (2/28)**: 30%

Written/online materials: 18%
Webinar followed by minimal Q&A: 21%
Brief presentation with small group, facilitated workshop: 30%
Small group coaching: 32%
What is youth engagement?

“Getting youth involved in programs, presentations or activities designed for youth.”

“It's involving youth in meaningful projects or activities. This might include talking with youth and getting their opinions, but ideally allowing them to lead and design them.”
What does youth engagement look like?

High school youth coalition where students decide on prevention projects of interest.

Difficult to engage youth for some reason.

Getting to know youth and connecting them to helpful programs and resources.

Creating a club around what youth feel would benefit them.

Planning for youth participatory action research program.

It’s lacking and I’m working to change that.
Youth Engagement Classifications

Hart’s Level of Engagement
Pathways to Participation
Youth Engagement Continuum
Modes of Participation
Level of Participation
Typology of Youth Participation and Empowerment

See Table 2 in Resource Guide for crosswalk.
## Hart’s Level of Youth Engagement

### Organizing and Governing
- Youth have central role in the organization’s structure, driving programmatic or strategic decisions. Youth are empowered to be part of shared decision-making and have the opportunity for youth to learn from live experiences and expertise of adults.

### Youth-initiated Leadership
- Youth serve as peer leaders in a paid or volunteer capacity. Youth lead activities with their peers or with adults. Adults are involved only in a supporting role.

### Youth-initiated Partnership
- Youth and adults join together as equals to accomplish programming, plan activities, operate the program, or complete specific tasks.

### Adult-initiated, Shared Decision-making
- Projects or programs are initiated by adults but the decision-making is shared with youth. Attempts are made to use youth-friendly procedures and language.

### Informed Dialogue
- Youth give ongoing advice on projects or programs designed and run by adults. Youth are informed as to how their input will be used and the outcomes of the decisions made by adults. Youth are involved in evaluation of programming.

### Assigned but Informed
- Youth are assigned a specific role and informed as to how and why they are being involved. This includes inconsistent youth involvement or temporary consultations such as focus groups or surveys.
Scenario #1: A group of youth wanted to start a new club and reached out to you as an adult.

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Scenario #2: Youth are brought together around a topic by adults and choose a project to lead.

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Scenario #3: Your organization has a prevention advisory board with a youth member.
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Assessing Readiness

Organization

Adult

Youth

Readiness

Goals

Capacity

Strengths

Type of Youth Engagement
Closing

• Waterfall chat: What do you need from us to decide what type of youth engagement is best for you and your organization?

Thank you!

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