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Youth Engagement

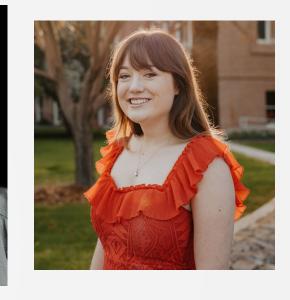
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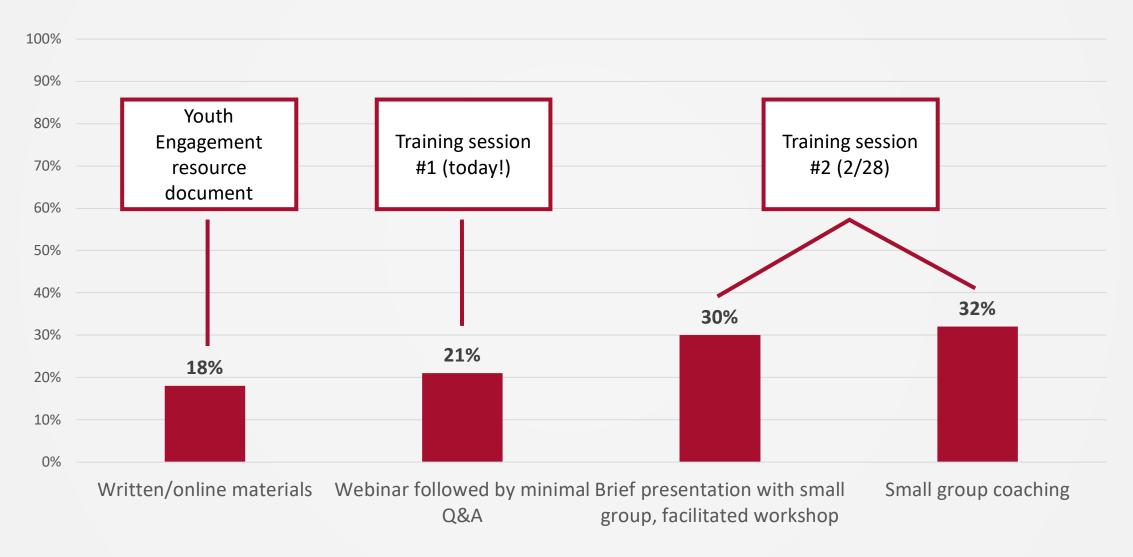
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Survey says... youth engagement training format



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.

Planning for youth participatory action research program.

Difficult to engage youth for some reason.

It's lacking and I'm working to change that.

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

Creating a club around what youth feel would benefit them.

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

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.

Organizing and Governing

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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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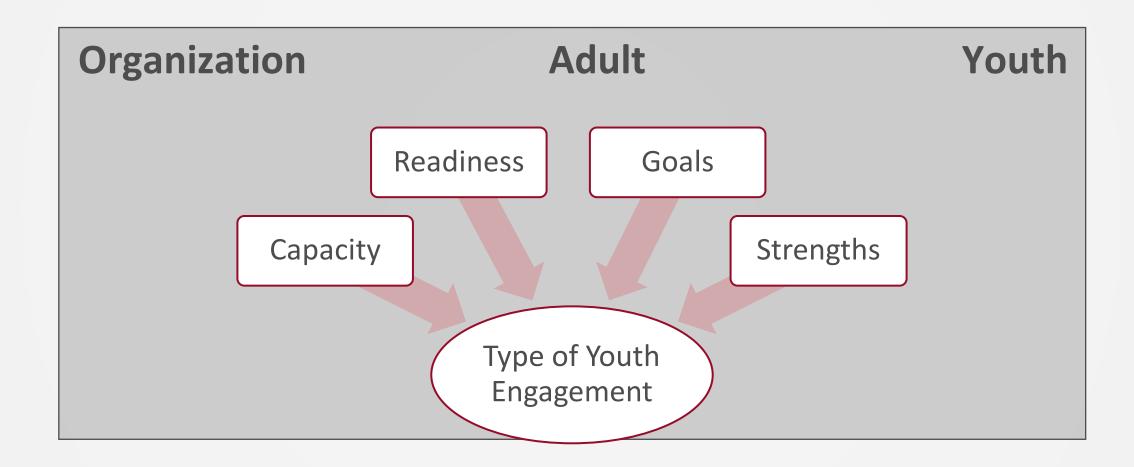
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Assessing Readiness



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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