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PYD in Action:
Engaging Young People in Leadership Roles

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Welcome Presenters!

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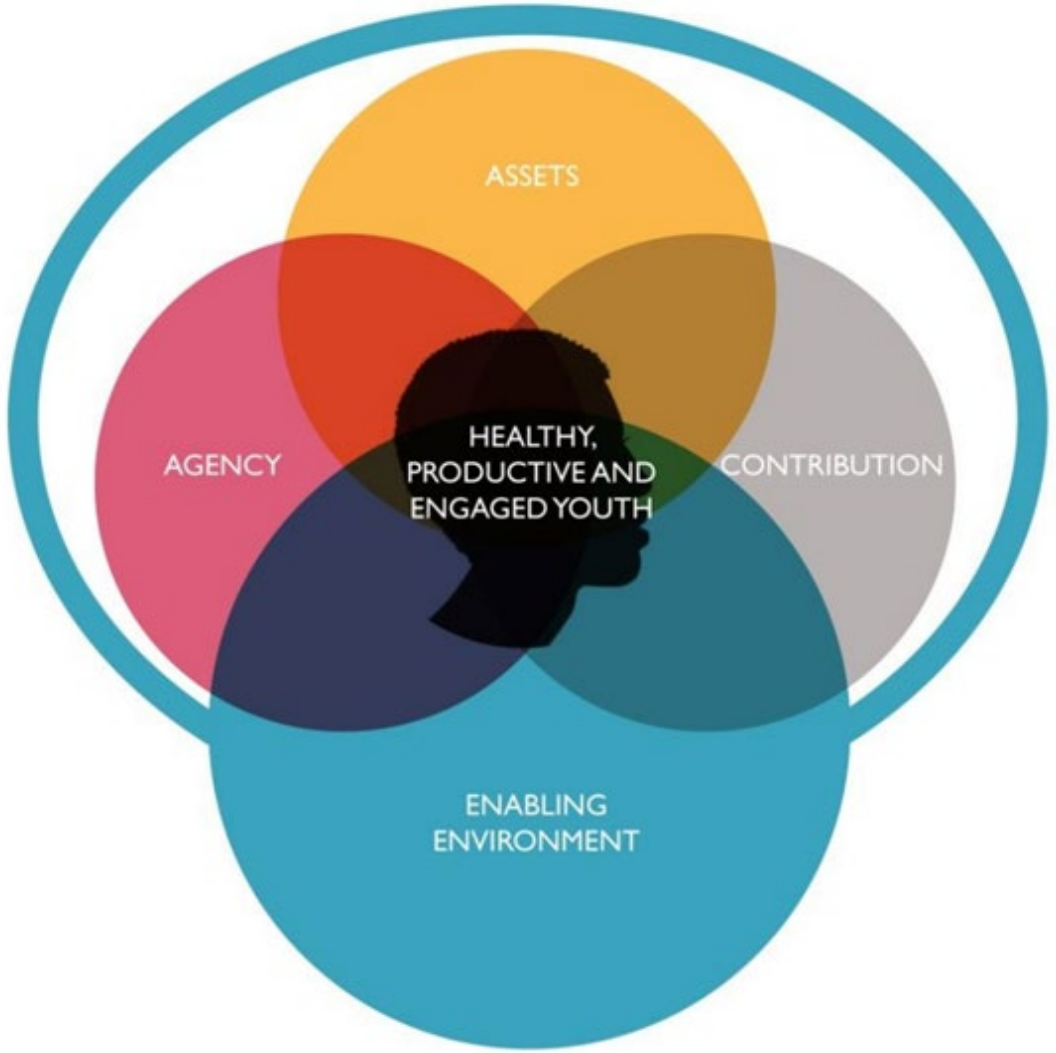
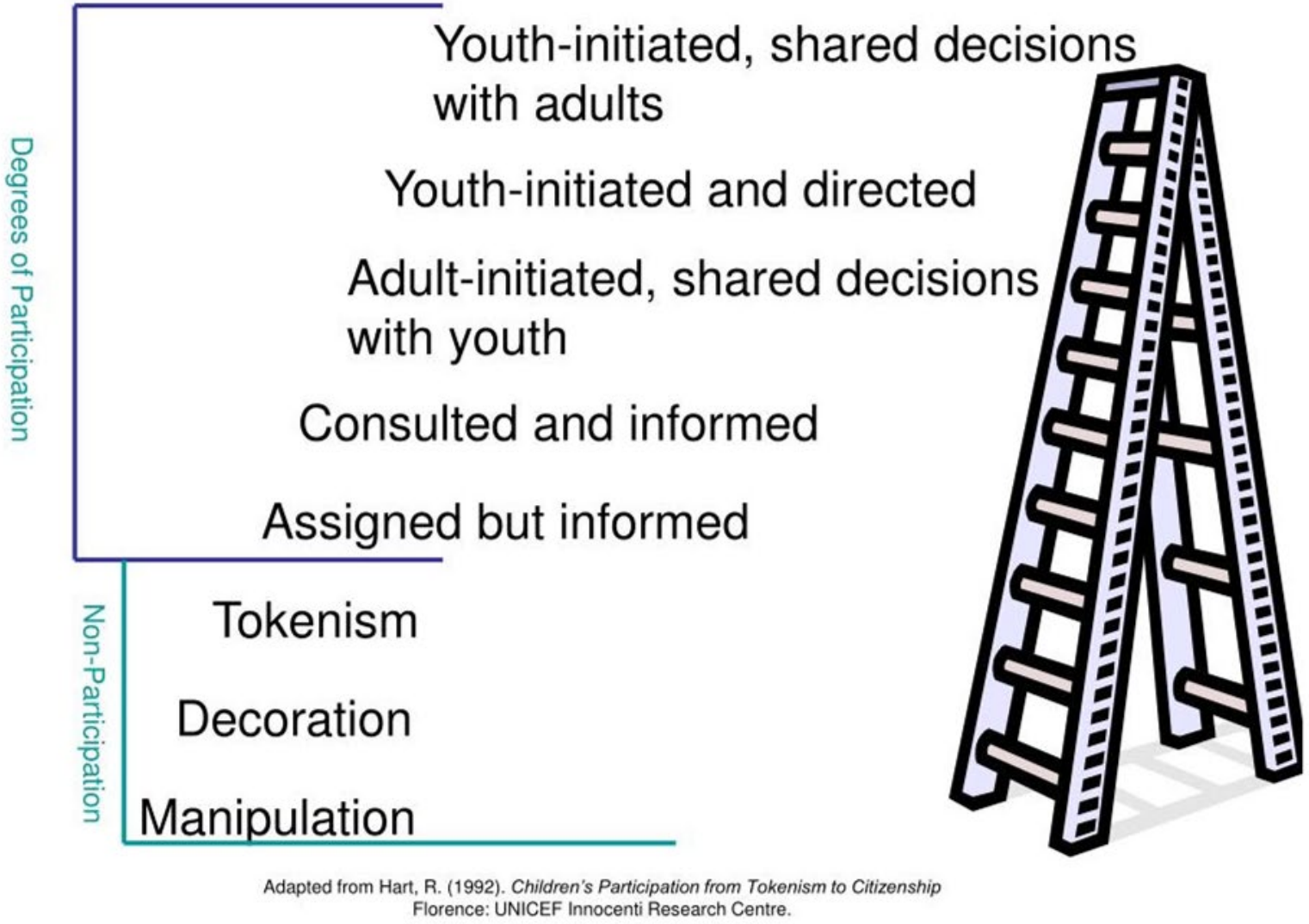
Positive Youth Development (PYD) Framework

- Assets
- Agency
- Contribution
- Enabling Environment



Ladder of Youth Participation



Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). *Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship* Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

What is authentic youth collaboration?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ6EAt64FpA&t=5s

"..young people are the ones who most quickly identify with the struggle and the necessity to eliminate the evil conditions that exist."

— Malcolm X,

Malcolm X, Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power

Value of Youth Collaboration

<u>For the Young Person</u>

- Sense of power and self-determination
- Opportunity to represent their own interests and stand for others
- Sense of Community - authentic, reciprocal relationships with adults and peers
- Social and emotional well-being
- Positive sense of self & connection to supports
- Self-advocacy & self-sufficiency skills
- Skill development & career pathways

Value of Youth Collaboration

For the Organization

- Increases youth engagement
- Deeper understanding of needs, culture, and trends
- Expands community connections
- Strengthens program practices
- Improves outcomes
- Young people are prepared for transition and leadership
- Improves organizational vision and culture

Roles & Opportunities

- Board of Directors
- Direct Program Staff
- Advocacy
- Public Awareness
- Social Media
- Grant Development
- Training
- Program Design
- Research
- Events
- Screening, Interviewing, Hiring
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Focus Groups
- **Create their own opportunity!**

Models of Youth Engagement

- Youth Advisory/Action Board (YAB)
- Peer Staff (i.e. mentor, advocate, outreach, navigator)
- Youth-Specific Staff Positions (various agency roles)
- Internships & Fellowships
- Consultants & SME
- Participatory Action Research
- Youth-led Organizing

Example: youth.gov and Youth Engaged 4 Change

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INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON youth PROGRAMS

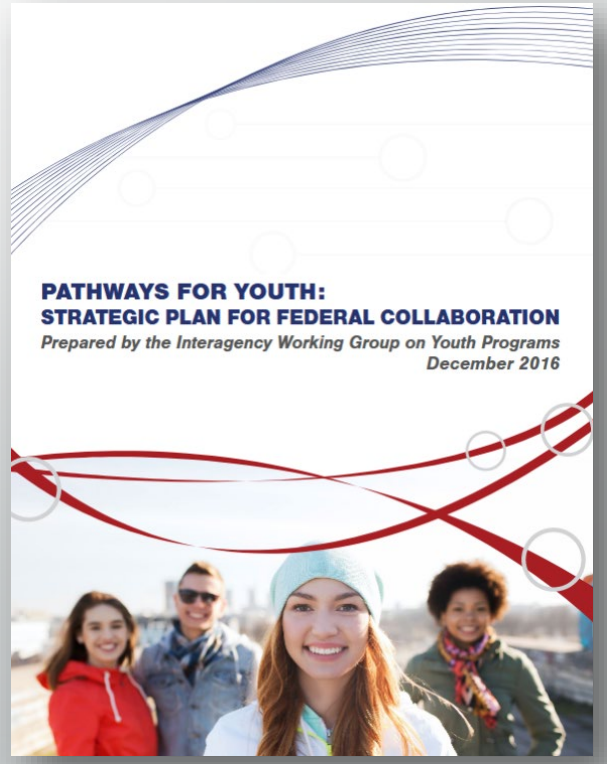
- Executive Order 13459 signed by President Bush in 2008 - Improving the Coordination and Effectiveness of Youth Programs
  - Support enhanced collaboration to improve outcomes for youth
  - Identify and disseminate evidence-based strategies that support youth
  - Create a federal interagency website on youth ages 10-24

- More than 20 federal departments and agencies are partners

INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON youth PROGRAMS

Strategic Plan

- Congress directed the Working Group to create an overarching strategic plan for federal youth policy in 2009
- Listening sessions held across the country
- *Pathways for Youth* finalized in 2016
  - Views young people as resources, not problems
  - Promotes positive outcomes for all youth



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- Select Youth Topics - Go

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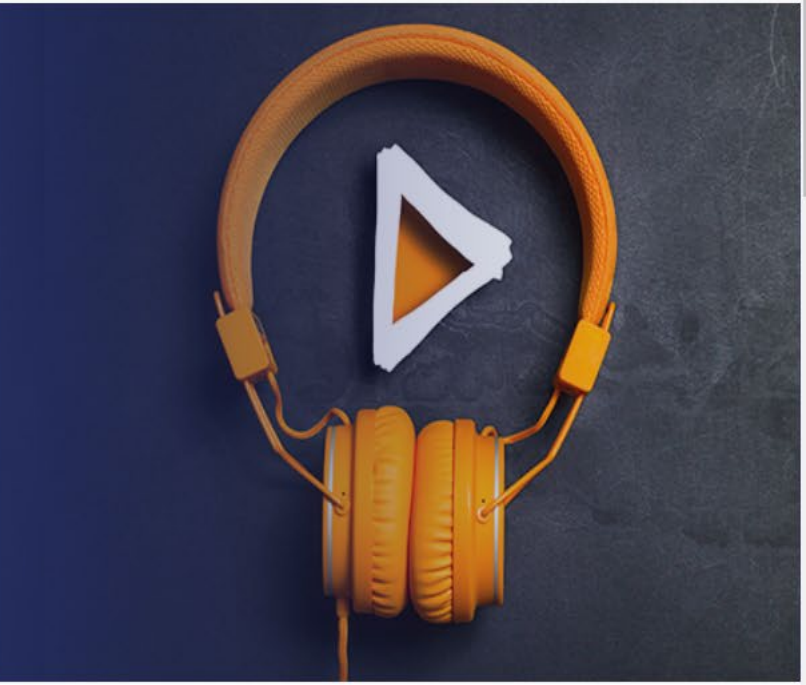
Video and Audio: Lessons for Supportive Adults on Youth Isolation

Two young adults and one researcher share the challenges of isolation facing youth during the pandemic and identify specific steps supportive adults can take to help youth cope.



youth.gov home page highlights current issues and available funding

Engage
with Youth to Promote Change

Implement
Evidence-Based & Innovative Programs

Locate
Program Funding in Your Community

Privacy - Terms

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Featured Grant Opportunity | FY 2021 NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutio...

Other Youth Topics

- Choose - Go

We need your ideas! What is your organization doing to connect with youth during the COVID-19 pandemic? Click here to share.

Youth Topics / Positive Youth Development

Find cross-cutting federal content about 28 youth issues

Positive Youth Development

Positive Experiences + Positive Relationships + Positive Environments = Positive Youth Development

- Positive Youth Development
- Key Principles
- Integrating
- Culture Influences
- Involving Youth
- Assessing Youth Involvement & Engagement
- Youth Adult Partnerships
- Effectiveness
- References
- Research Agenda

Did You Know?

Map My Community

Find federally funded youth programs in your area

USASpending.gov provides information on more than 10,000 federally-funded programs from more than 100 federal agencies' financial systems. youth.gov has developed a customized search of USASpending.gov to help you find who has received federal funding for programs that serve youth and their families in your community. People across the country have used this to find organizations that share their mission and might want to collaborate and/or to identify gaps in programs and services.

Search for federally-funded programs using the filters below.

- Enter a **keyword** (optional) to narrow your search to a specific topic, or leave it blank to find all programs in your area.
- Enter a U.S. **address or ZIP code** (required) to identify programs in a certain geographic region. Use the **miles** (optional; default = 5 miles) dropdown menu to broaden or narrow your search.
- Click on "**Show Filters**" (optional) for advanced search options, including search for programs by youth.gov's youth **topics** and the federal Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs' **departments**.

Your search results will appear as location pins on the map and in a table below the map. Click on a pin to learn more about the program(s) at that location.

Do you have a recommendation for a federally-funded youth program to search for? Let us know! Email the program name and CFDA number to youthgov@air.org.

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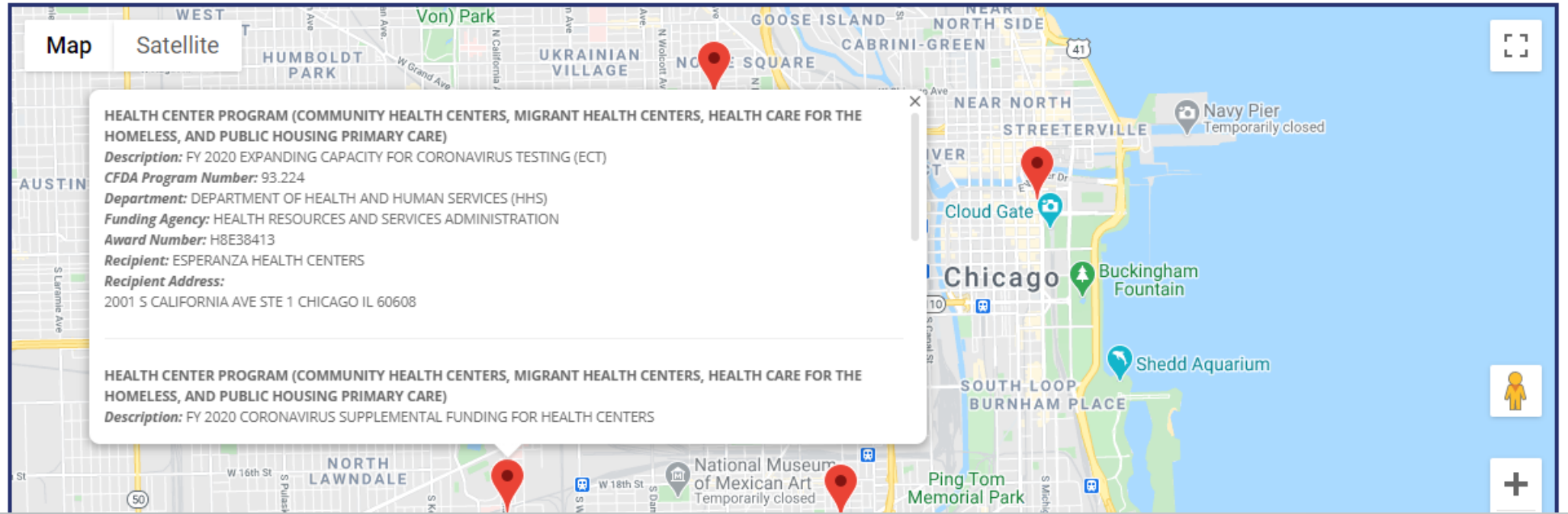

Evidence & Innovation

Brief - Advancing the Use of Core Components of Effective Programs: Suggestions for Researchers Publishing Evaluation Results

This brief explains the kinds of characteristics that should routinely be collected and reported in order to facilitate future meta-analyses that can help the field identify core components of effective programs.

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Select and use evidence to improve programs

A Guide to Evidence & Innovation

Evidence-Based Program Directories

Multiple federal agencies have put together registries that list evidence-based programs as a way to disseminate information about programs and their level of effectiveness.

Investing in Evidence

Experiences from the Field

SBIRT/YouthBuild

National Youth in Transition Database

Partnership for Results

Are you interested in applying for funds to support your youth program, but not sure where to start?

To get started, check out the resources here to help you register, search for, and apply for grants with Grants.gov.

Learn how to apply for federal funds and search grants.gov for youth grants

Finding and Applying for Federal Grants

1

Preparing

The Grants.gov site offers guidance on how to register, search and apply for grants.

2

Applying

Review the key steps from confirming eligibility to tracking your application.

3

Components

Learn about proposal requirements for logic models and a sustainability approach.

4

Tips

Advice for beginning and experienced grant writers.

Search Grants.gov

To simplify your funding search, we've developed a custom search tool that allows you to search Grants.gov for opportunities to improve youth outcomes. Use the block below to search by keyword, funding agency, or youth topic.

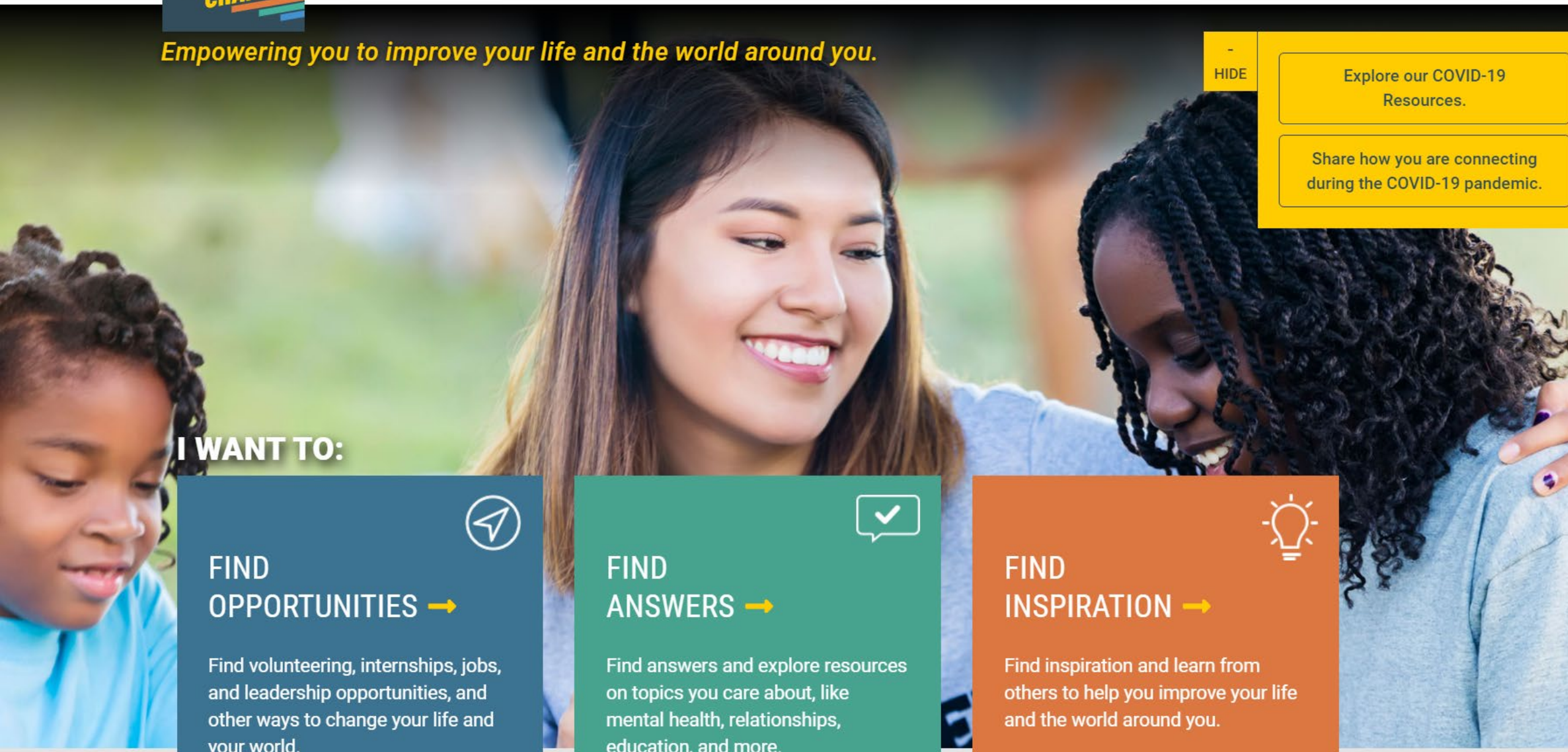
Positive Youth Development

Definition:

PYD is an intentional, prosocial approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances young people's strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths.

Research agenda:

Empowering you to improve your life and the world around you.



- HIDE

Explore our COVID-19 Resources.

Share how you are connecting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I WANT TO:

FIND OPPORTUNITIES →

Find volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities, and other ways to change your life and your world.

FIND ANSWERS →

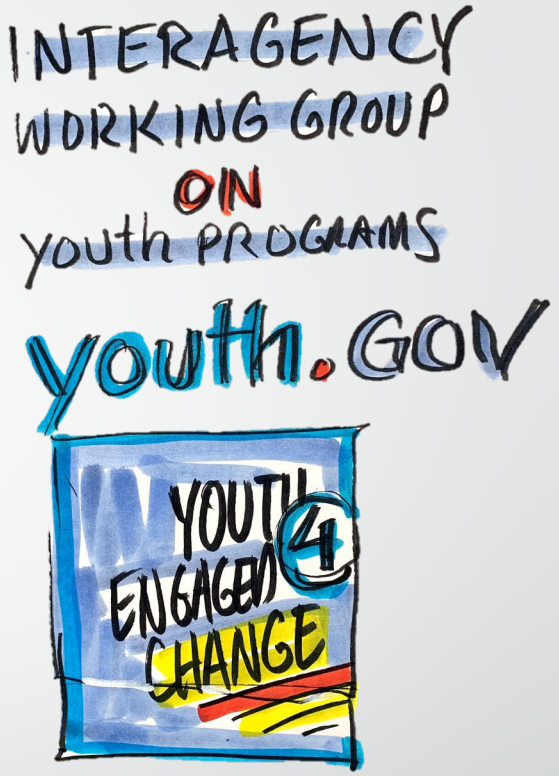
Find answers and explore resources on topics you care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more.

FIND INSPIRATION →

Find inspiration and learn from others to help you improve your life and the world around you.

IWGYP's Youth Engagement Strategies

- Virtual Student Federal Service interns (vsfs.state.gov)
- 4-H youth briefings
- Listening sessions with youth
- Engaging youth as meeting co-planners and experts
- Helping all agencies use best practices
  - Youth Engagement at the Federal Level:
    A Compilation of Strategies and Practices
- Youth Editorial Board (new in 2020!)



YE4C Editorial Board

Michael

Editorial Board Member

"I am passionate about helping others ar
am inspired by stories that make
individuals unique.

This interest has made me want to pursue
social work."

YOUTH ENGAGED 4 CHANGE

Akira

Editorial Board Member

"I enjoy finding different ways to use my creativity to give back to others."

I love being able to work with peers to help others our age. YE4C is such a valuable resource for students, and I'm grateful to have met such an engaging group of board members.

YOUTH ENGAGED 4 CHANGE

Omar

Editorial Board Member

"Your ideas and passions are important so don't feel like you can't go after them."

YOUTH ENGAGED 4 CHANGE

Allie

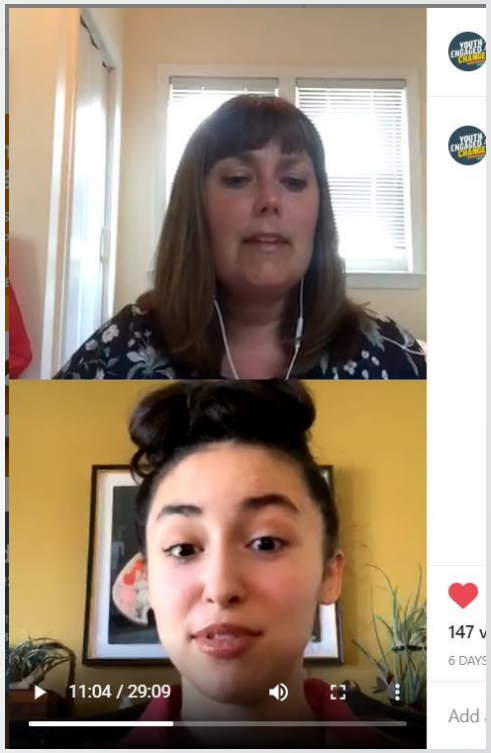
Change Maker

I think that success is... what you demand of yourself and how much you're willing to make it work.

YOUTH ENGAGED 4 CHANGE

COVID-19 Response

- Launched YE4C COVID-19 page
- Reviewed CDC COVID-19 content
- Created content on changes to your personal and study routine
- Created “Economic Impact Payments for COVID-19: the Basics”
- Co-created and hosted IG Lives on trauma and resilience



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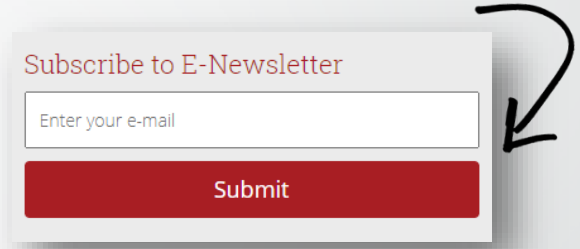
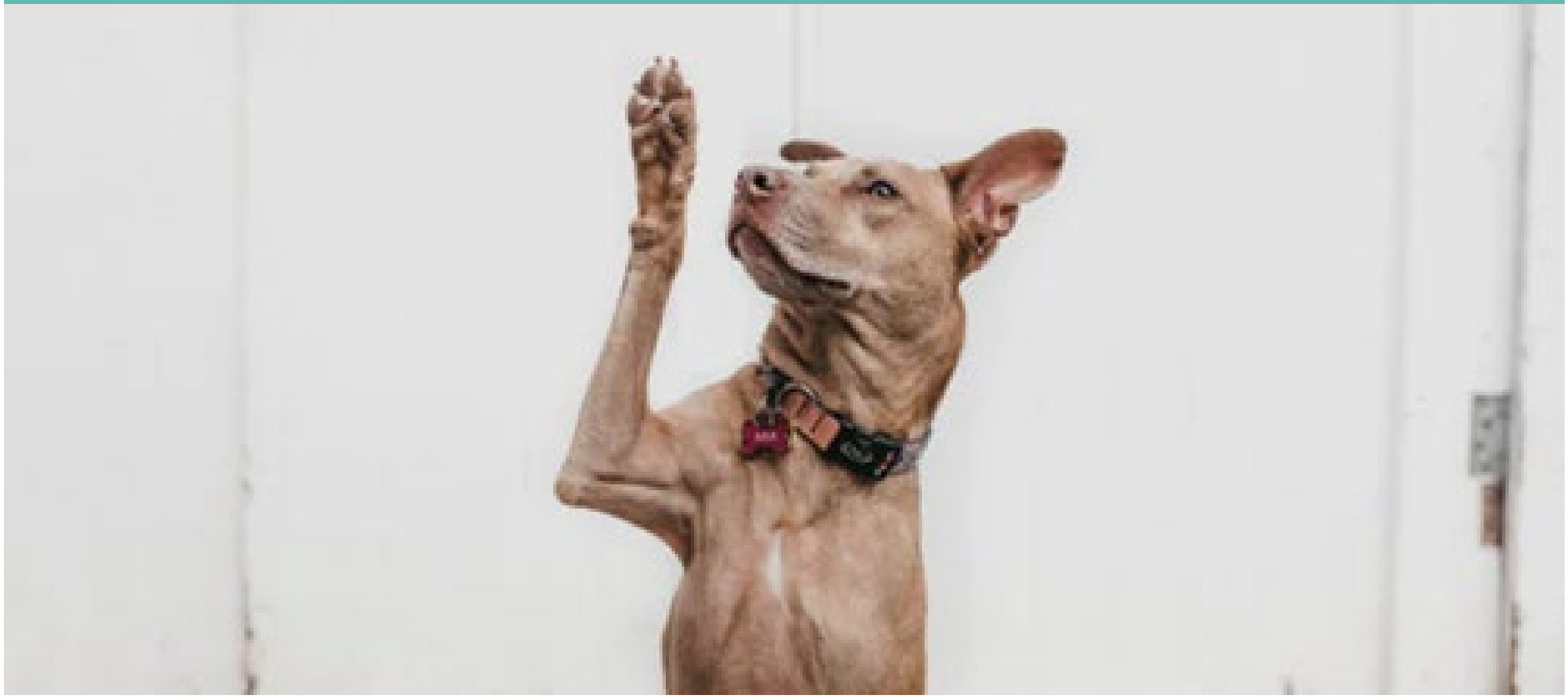


Considerations for Authentic & Equitable Engagement with Young People

- Racial equity and intergenerational power sharing
- Avoid tokenism and exploitation
- Equitable compensation and career pathways
- Create spaces for youth to feel physically and psychologically safe
- Eliminate adultism
- Build and maintain trust
- Respect youth/young adults for their ideas and expertise
- Set young people up for success

Key Questions

- How will you outreach and engage young people in leadership roles?
- How will you ensure that leadership opportunities are empowering and non-exploitive?
- How will you ensure that young people are prepared to fully “show up” as a leader in their role?
- How will you compensate young people for the time and labor?
- How will you support young people’s personal and professional development?
- How will you gather an incorporate young people’s feedback to improve the leadership role(s)?

Questions?