



Youth Empowerment Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to give guidance and to reveal a pathway for progress so that you can be more successful in implementing the YES! Youth Empowerment Model©.

For each question, rate your organization on a scale of 0-4:

- 0- My organization does not do this at all
- 1- My organization rarely does this
- 2- My organization wants to do this but is having trouble
- 3- My organization is doing this but needs improvement
- 4- My organization does this all of the time and understands the importance of this concept

Question	0	1	2	3	4
1. Our board members, staff members, administrators, etc. in our organization are committed to empowering youth.					
2. We believe that empowering youth does not only benefit youth, but also adults, communities and our organization.					
3. We clearly identify where young people will serve within our organization.					
4. We have set clear roles for youth within our organization.					
5. The concept of youth empowerment as a central focus is clearly illustrated throughout our vision, goals, and objectives.					
6. We have explored all legal options for formalized youth empowerment.					
7. We have addressed budget and staff issues related to youth empowerment.					
8. Professional development is encouraged for adults in the organization to excel at youth-adult partnerships.					
9. Professional development is encouraged for youth in the organization to excel at youth-adult partnerships.					
10. Our youth group is stable and reliable.					
11. We know how many youth we can sustain within the organization.					
12. Our organization is able to meet the unique needs of youth (i.e. transportation to and from events, food, meeting space, time of events in relation to school, etc.)					
13. We expect our youth to advocate in our community.					
14. We currently have a positive rapport with youth in our community.					
15. We evaluate our youth based on performance and knowledge of our organization.					
16. Adults are willing to share power and responsibilities with youth within the organization.					

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