



Elements of Successful Youth Programs

To be completed by youth program staff and managers.

For each question please check one answer that reflects your feelings most of the time.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
Program Approach					
1. Our program(s) goals include supporting youth by promoting their strengths.					
2. Our program(s) strategies are based on research or best/promising practices and are adapted to fit the strengths and priorities of our community.					
3. Our program(s) are sustained over time not only one-time activities.					
4. Our program(s) are evaluated and modified incorporating feedback from youth and families.					
Program Responsiveness & Inclusion					
5. Our program(s) offers a broad spectrum of activities tailored to the needs and interests of youth.					
6. Our staff understand the relationship between developmental assets and positive behavior.					
7. Our program(s) use(s) creative problem solving in order to meet the needs of youth.					
8. Our program activities recognize, value and respond to the diverse backgrounds and strengths that exist among youth such as age, gender, cultural background, language, sexual orientation, etc.					
9. Our program(s) reach(es) out to include all youth appropriate for program activities.					
10. Our program(s) are accessible and affordable.					

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Family & Community					
11. Our program(s) understand(s) and address(es) youth in the context of their families and community.					
12. Our program activities involve parents, extended family members and/or significant adults when appropriate.					
Coordination/Collaboration					
13. Our program(s) collaborate(s) with other agencies, schools and other community partners.					
14. Our staff help youth connect with and utilize other community resources.					
Staff-Youth Relationships					
15. Our staff are committed to act as strong advocates for and with youth.					
16. Our staff are respected and trusted by youth.					
17. Our staff are trained to accept youth as they are and to build on their strengths.					
18. Our staff have high expectations of all youth and work with youth to establish and implement rules/guidelines for participation in program activities.					
19. Youth feel welcomed, comfortable, important and challenged in our program(s).					
Youth as Resources					
20. Our program activities actively involve youth as planners and doers - youth are participants, not just recipients.					
21. Our program(s) encourage(s) young people to be resources in their communities and celebrate(s) youth involvement and leadership.					

