

## Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development - **KEY**

<b>Independence</b>	<b>Belonging</b>	<b>Generosity</b>	<b>Mastery</b>
Including youth in planning discussions. Giving youth responsibilities to carry out with a minimum of reminders.	Physical environment is safe and free of hazard or risk. Greeted/welcome when they arrive.	Volunteers support and encourage the contributions and accomplishments of members.	Project leaders push youth to take healthy risks, try new things and challenge themselves.
Have voice and influence on decisions around project experience.	Emotional environment is respectful, positive, supportive, inclusive, relaxed and accepting.	Service to others and community is integrated into experiences and the input of members is valued.	Provide members opportunities to talk with other about what they are doing, thinking and learning.
Partner with adults and share control of project activities.	Volunteer show sincere interest in the lives of his/her members.	Characteristics that relate: altruistic, caring, empathic, and supportive.	Set goals and make plans for individual and group project experiences.
Characteristics that relate: confident, responsible, self-disciplined and leadership.	Characteristics that relate: cooperative, trusting, friendly and social.	Offering opportunities for youth to serve their communities with peers and adults.	Characteristics that relate: successful, problem-solver, motivated and persistent.
Provide opportunities for youth to assess their work both their successes and failures.	Providing multiple opportunities for youth to develop relationships with adults and peers.	Encourage bonds of friendship among youth and between youth and adults.	Utilizing hands on activities, projects and exhibitions to build life and vocational skills.
Encourage youth to try new projects and new activities.	Encourage ties with family and community.	Reinforcing gestures of caring and concern for others.	Supplementing competition with cooperative activities and games.
Assist older youth in setting goals related to career aspirations.	Respecting the value of diverse cultures.	“Among the most powerful means of enriching young lives is to enlist their energies in improving their own communities.” - Great Transitions, p. 110	Focusing on long-term goals of learning, including feedback and learning from mistakes.