

PYD Programming Checklist

1. PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY & STRUCTURE

- Work with participants to establish a set of group agreements
- Maintain an appropriate youth-to-staff ratio
- Design & execute activities and programs that suit diverse social/learning needs
- Provide training for staff that includes conflict management techniques, how to recognize withdrawal from services (good and bad) & strategies for facilitating re-engagement
- Provide training for participants that includes how to recognize cliques & redirect socialization through group activities
- Work to prevent risky and/or illegal behaviors & attitudes in participants

2. ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- Incorporate opportunities for sharing & socializing into each day of operation
- Facilitate structured community-based team-building exercises, events, & activities
- Provide opportunities for engagement in interest-based groups & programs
- Create opportunities for participants to share their stories & interests with their peers and support providers

3. OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS EQUAL PARTNERS

- Provide opportunities for youth to participate in the design, delivery, & evaluation of programs and services
- Connect youth to opportunities to serve as active agents in adult-dominated spaces
- Facilitate community investment in young people by forging partnerships between youth and prominent adults in the community
- Frame young people as critical resources when connecting them to community partners and decision-making bodies
- Work to ensure that youth are valued and encouraged to bring their perspectives to the table in every youth-adult community partnership