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Youth Voice & Engagement from a Youth Perspective

GOALS FOR TODAY!

- Have fun!
- Learn about youth collected data
- Learn ideas you can implement with your youth
- Learn from each other/share ideas

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GROUP NORMS

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SPEED MEETING

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SPEED MEETING ROUND 1

QUESTION: **SHARE AN EMBARRASSING STORY YOU CAN LAUGH AT NOW**

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SPEED MEETING ROUND 2

QUESTION: **WHAT MADE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING WITH YOUTH?**

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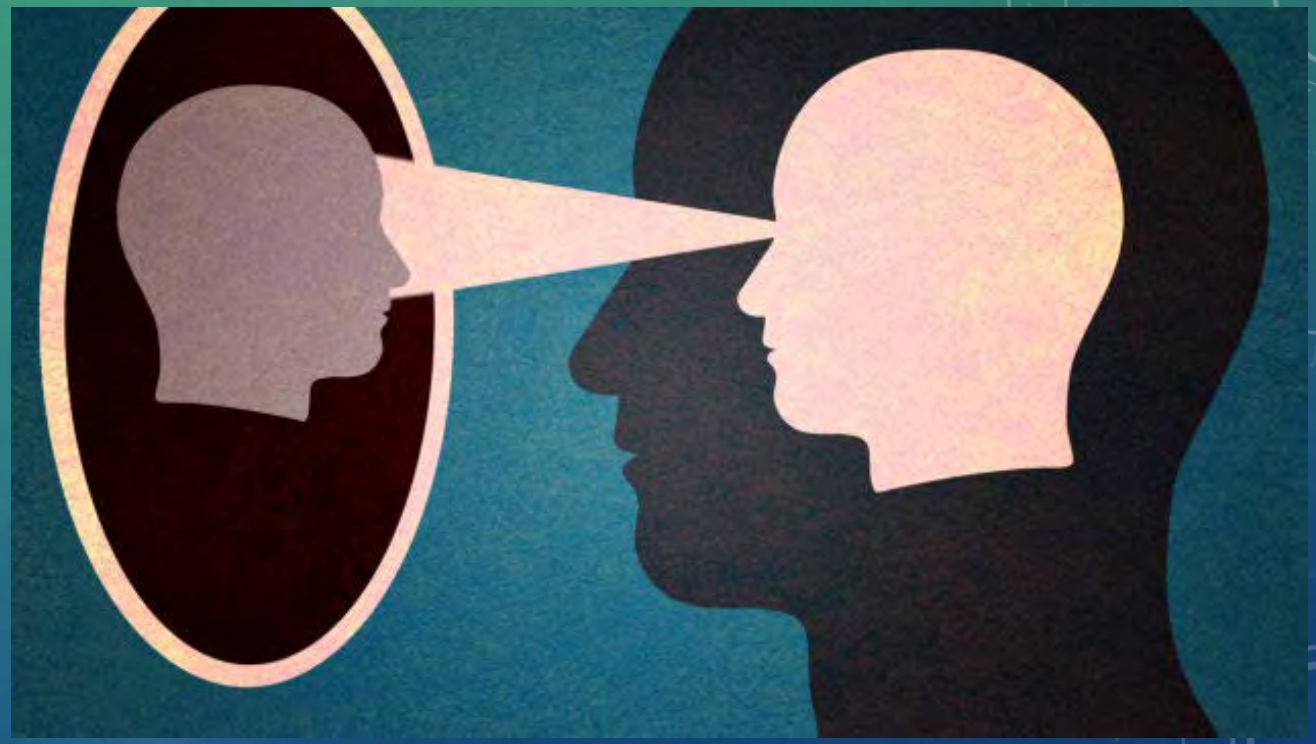
MY CONCEPTIONS
YOUR
CONCEPTIONS



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DEBRIEF

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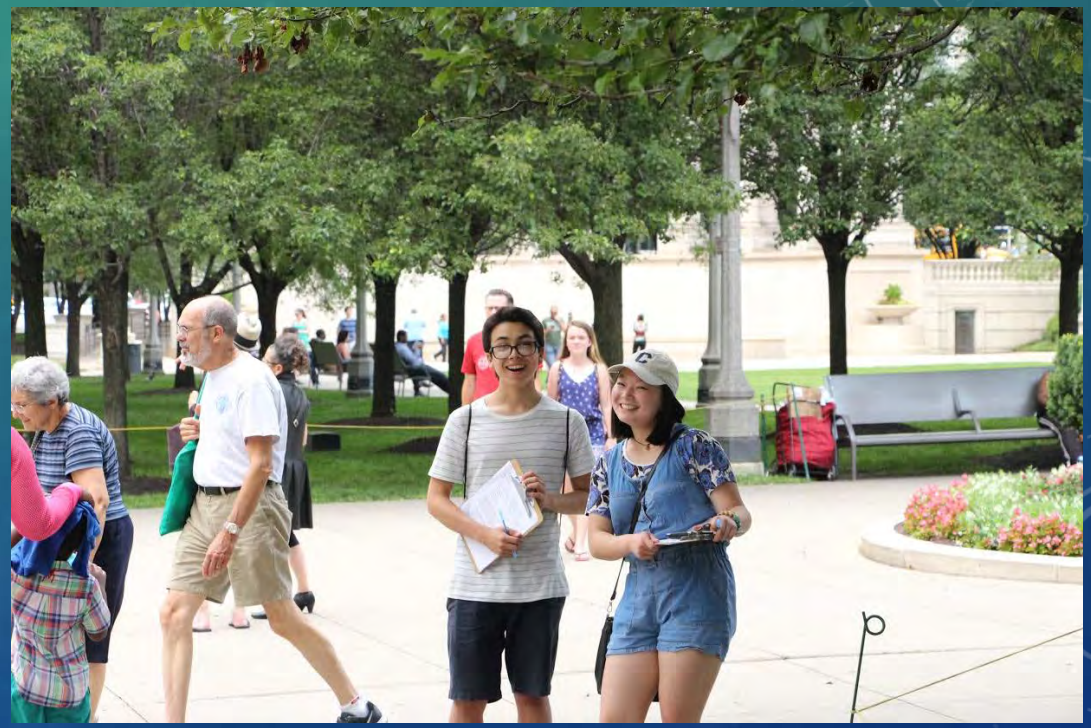
OUR RESEARCH

- In the course of 2 years, we have collected over 350 surveys about how to increase engagement and interaction.



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DATA CONTINUED

← Youth are open to learning skills and want an experience that can benefit them for a lifetime

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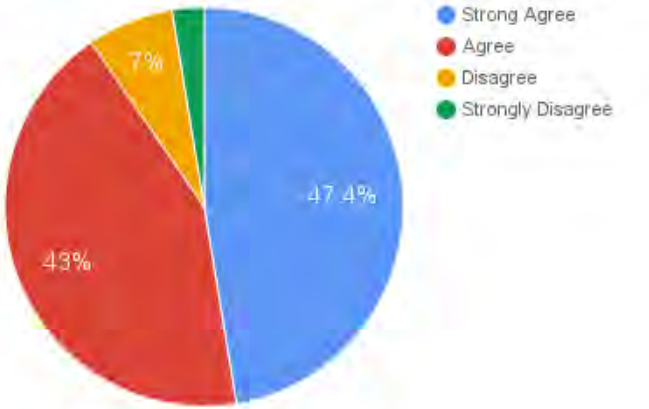

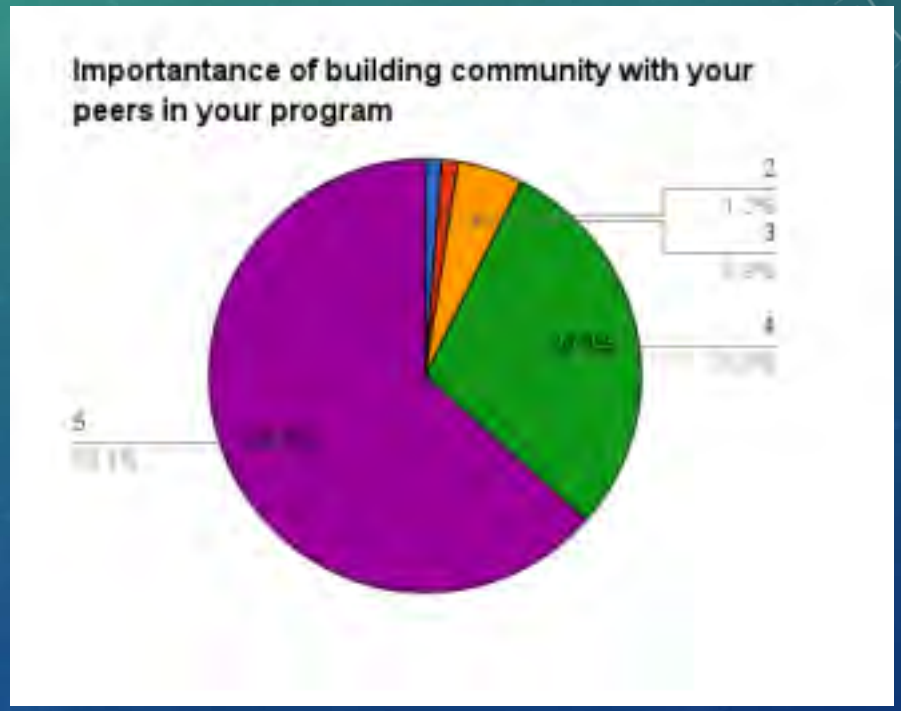

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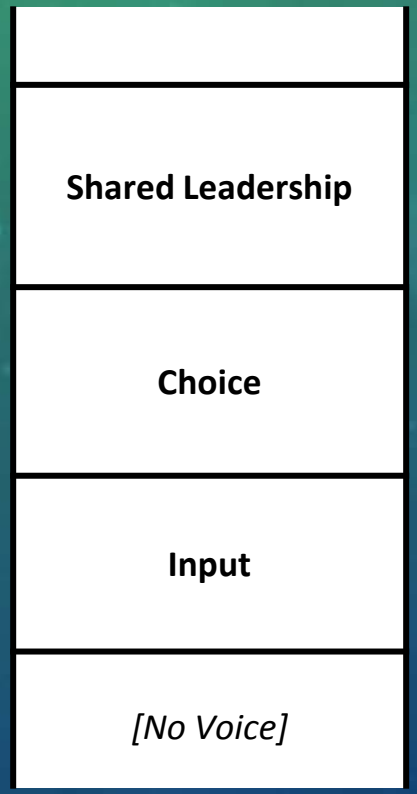

Scaffolding

Increasing challenge

Ladder of Youth Participation, Hart (1992)

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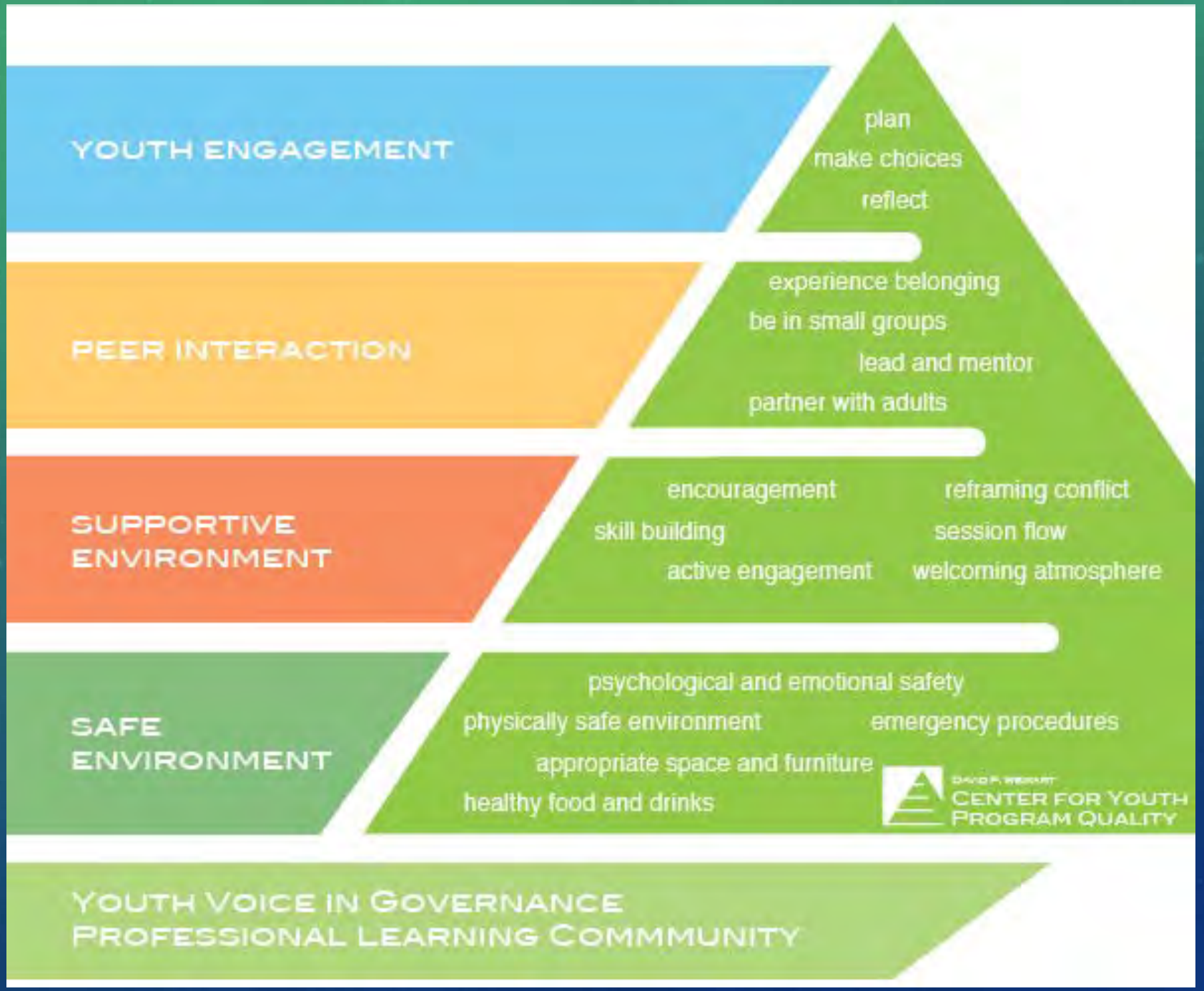

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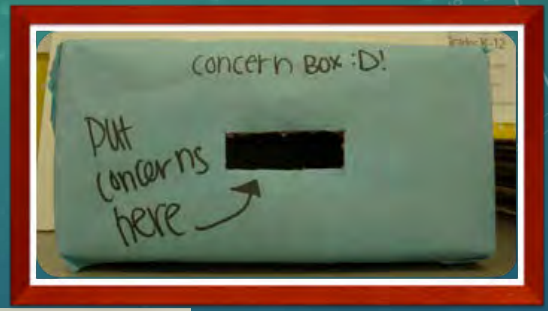
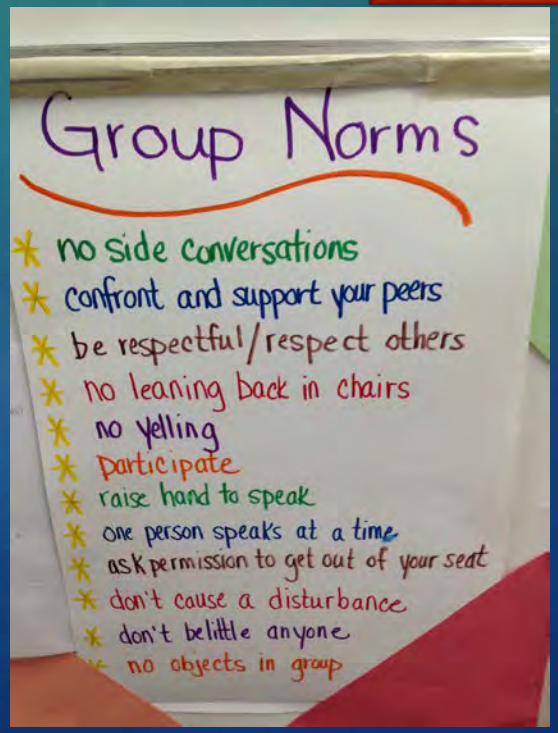
YOUTH PRO TIPS

- Group Norms
- Prop Box
- Concern Box

SAFE ENVIRONMENT





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YOUTH PRO TIPS

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Instructor Positivity
- One on Ones
- Norms

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YOUTH PRO TIPS

- Identifying strong leaders and letting them instruct an activity
- Have the strong leaders mentor and guide their peers
- Having roles for the youth and giving them responsibility
- Have youth work in small groups with people they don't usually talk to

PEER INTERACTION

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YOUTH PRO TIPS

- An agenda of the activities should be present every day
- Give the youth options on the activities or the flow of the activities of the day
- Mood Check in or check out
- When it comes to reflection, journal writing or vlogs can be used. Get creative!
- Opportunities to share out or showcase their work
- Be aware of different learning styles

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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THANK YOU!

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