



Opportunity to See One's Self as an Active Participant in the Future

Youth need opportunities for new experiences and opportunities to enjoy life. They learn and grow from success and failures. Youth will begin to make life choices that will begin the transition into the future.

In our youth group.....

- Do youth set goals and work toward their goals?
- Do youth have an opportunity to think about life plans and their future?
- Do youth have the opportunity to learn about and develop hobbies and leisure interests?
- Do youth take healthy risks?
- Do youth assume responsibility for decisions they make?

Some practices your group might want to implement to provide opportunities for seeing one's self in the future:

- Provide opportunities for youth to assess their work—what changes need to be made to turn failure into success?
- Encourage youth to explore hobbies and interests and consider how these might become marketable skills in the workforce.
- Incorporate discussions of careers into group activities, programs or events.
- Make connections between activities, school work and careers.
- Encourage youth to try new activities and roles in the group.
- Have older youth tell younger youth about opportunities when they are older.
- Match youth skills and talents to needs of the group.
- Use interviews and/or resumes to determine youth roles in group activities.

Why is it important for youth to see themselves as active participants in the future?

The more experiences youth have, the better they will be able to see themselves in the future. Giving youth opportunities to think about how they want to live in the future will aid them in making better life choices.