Strategies for Engaging Youth
Adult Attitudes Toward Youth

- Youth as Objects - Adults know what is best for young people

- Youth as Recipients – Adults have to help youth because they cannot make adult decisions

- Youth as Partners – Adults respect youth’s contributions
Before Youth Can Fully Engage…

- Adults need to understand what youth bring to the partnership

- Adults need to provide additional training and support when needed

- Youth need to understand limitations that affect a program
Ways to Work Together

- Conduct a needs assessment
- Write a grant proposal
- Raise funds
- Design a program
- Train new staff
- Deliver services
- Implement ideas and projects

- Oversee a program
- Collect data
- Evaluate a program’s effectiveness
- Improve unsuccessful aspects of a program
- Replicate successful programs