

The Youth Works Methods (YWM) modules are at the core of our Program Quality Improvement process. These modules align with the data-driven goals our programs set each year and focus where it matters most...where youth and staff interact each day.

Youth Work Methods

Schedule a customized YWM training just for your program, at a time that works best for your team. Each session will last approximately 90 minutes and will be lead by Program Quality Coach, Rita Montgomery.

Schedule Your YWM Session

Sessions are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis and limited to one session per grantee district/organization. Each training group should consist of 25 people or less.

Request your YWM training by completing the online [YWM Planning Form](#).



Choose from four, practice-focused modules and include up to 25 of your team members

Introduction to the Active Participatory Approach

Does this describe your team? Some of us have heard of the Youth Work Methods (YWMs), some of us have attended a training or two, some of us are new and know nothing about them. This course is the introduction to the youth-centered approach which is the foundation for our work. It is a great opportunity to motivate both new and experienced members of your team and to get everyone “on the same page”.

Homework Help

It's time for the afterschool program, and the kids are looking forward to a change from the school day...but wait! Their parents want them to do their homework during the program. How do you manage to do both? This session will focus on creating an effective and supportive homework help time with opportunities for relationship building. Join us to hear tips from the field that you might want to try out in your own program so “homework time” doesn't have to be followed by moans and sighs.

Youth Voice

Is Youth Voice at a high level in your program? No, we don't mean talking volume! This workshop is all about providing meaningful choices within activities and opportunities for youth input within the program itself. Just like any other skill, youth learn to make good choices by getting to make choices! We will examine how you feel about topics such as “adultism” and “tokenism”. As you analyze your program, you will discover how to increase Youth Voice and enthusiasm for activities.

Planning and Reflection

Is your team ready to be more intentional about including planning and reflection strategies into your daily activities? Not exactly sure where to begin? This workshop introduces participants to powerful and easy methods that promote youth engagement in planning, implementing, and evaluating activities and projects. These skills will be used in learning and throughout their lives.

YWM: Online Anytime! Planning and Reflection

Not ready to schedule a full session for your team? The YWM modules are available in an online format that all grantees can access to support staff development. Share the YWM principles with your staff anytime, within a group or by allowing team members to log on individually! We've provided some [resources on our website](#) to support grant leaders in accessing and utilizing the online YWM modules throughout the year. Learn how to log on to the modules, share the YWM principles with staff and reinforce great staff practices throughout the grant cycle.