

The Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement

A virtual centre: a collaboration of youth, academics, youth organizations from across Canada

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Mandate: To gather and provide information, resources and services to improve the engagement of children and youth, including the engagement of children and youth in the work of the Centre

Target audiences: Children and youth, parents, youth serving organizations, governments, academics

Activities:

- Consulting and assisting in implementation and evaluation activities related to youth engagement
- Ongoing research program, identifying gaps
- Training, capacity building, workshops, presentations
- Publishing: web, pamphlets, academic articles

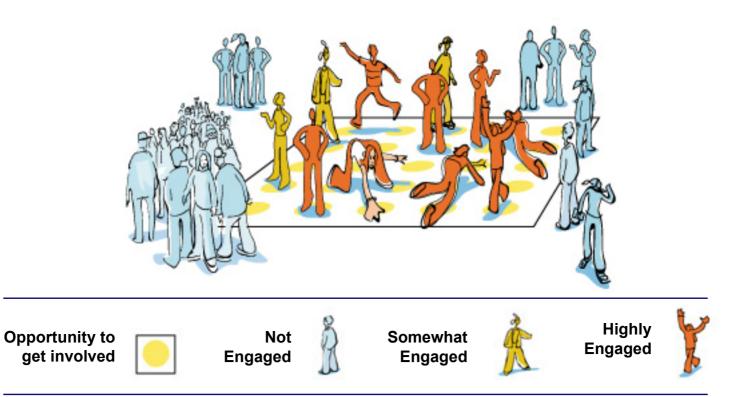




Why Youth Engagement?

- Cross-cutting approach
- Not program or issue specific
- Research shows that engaged participation is associated with reduced risks in a whole number of areas
- Need for a framework of looking at engagement, common language, measures, organizing tool





Who benefits?

 Research shows engagement benefits disadvantaged youth more than advantaged, but advantaged youth are participating more....



Core Partners

- Brock University
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario: Youth Net
- Féderation de la jeunesse canadienne française
- Integrated School Linked Services/Saskatoon Action Circle on Youth Sexuality: Youth Launch Project
- The Students Commission
- City of Vancouver, Youth Outreach Team
- First Nations University of Canada
- University of Regina
- St. Mary's University





Project Partners include

- YMCA of Canada
- Kainai Children's Services
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council
- Toronto Police Services
- Canadian Federation for Sexual Health
- Thunder Bay community coalition
- TYPS (youth centres across Canada)
- McCreary Centre Society





VIRTUEL

élaboration de

Communautés publiques Distribution ouverte

modèles ateliers en ligne formation en ligne meilleures pratiques évènements Internet

présentations ateliers élaboration de modèles publications conférences plaidoyer politique

Partage du travail d'équipe

Implication jeunesse

Partenaires principaux

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Consultants de recherches

Accroissement des

programmes existant



Tools:

- Standardized set of measures, questions available on-line for community organizations to do their own research and evaluation, with supporting analysis by academics from the Centre
- Series of brochures, pamphlets on youth engagement, how-to information with supporting research
- Web-delivered literature review and materials, continuously updated
- Consulting and support services
- Policy briefs, policy background papers
- Workshops, training, presentations for youth groups, parent groups, organizations, community collaborations: example Adult Ally Training





Qu'est-ce que l'engagement des jeunes??

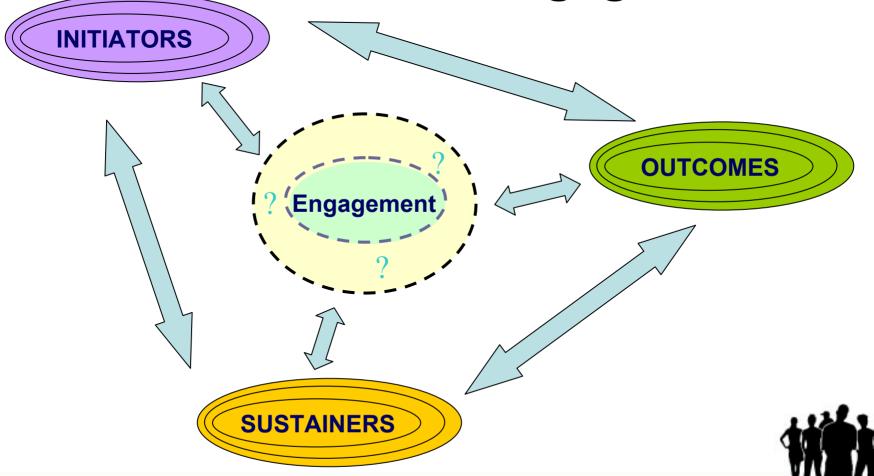
L'engagement des jeunes se définit comme étant la participation significative et soutenue d'une jeune personne dans une activité, dont le champ est extérieur à lui ou elle-même.

Le plein engagement comporte une composante comportementale, une composante affective et une composante cognitive.



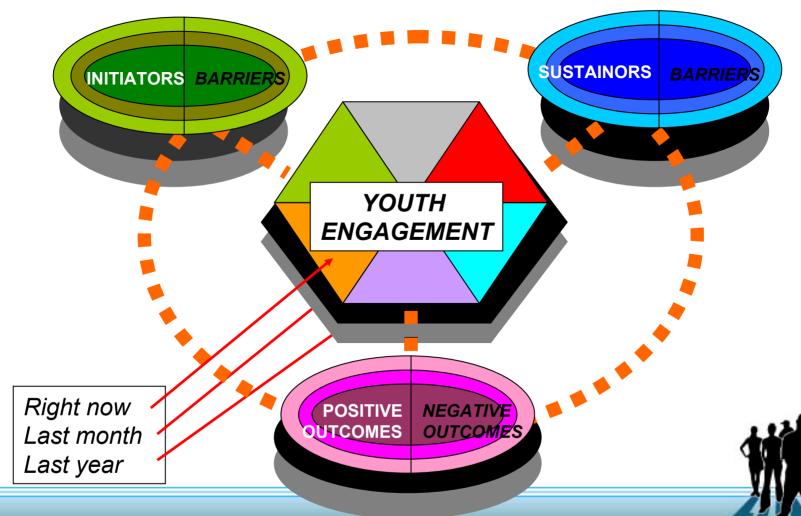


A Framework for Engagement





Putting the pieces together





Example: Toronto Police Service — PEACE project

- Need: Engagement of youth to work with police to reduce gang involvement and gun violence
- Knowledge transferred: Effective practice in how to engage "negative" leadership skills of youth in positive social action with police. Knowledge and support in how to develop with youth relevant video, print, public services ads and workshops
- Impact: First-ever training at Police College by youth for officers. A collaboration of community agencies, school boards, police and youth to implement and sustain the program. A first-ever mandated series of joint police/youth presentations in Toronto schools. Acceptance of youth engagement as a key element of Toronto policing strategy to reduce violence, with youth and community engagement being credited in part for reduction of violence. Invitations to replicate the project in other cities. Working with Special Needs Centre in Thunder Bay.



Youth Engagement / L'engagement des jeunes **Research Branches**

