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This survey form is designed to help you assess the suitability of organizations and programs designed for your benefit. Use this form to determine how well the youth program or group you are considering joining meets some of the criteria for an effective youth group. You may want to use this form as you interview current youth members of the program or organization. This tool is best used with a team of people as interviewers.

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| 1.  | Youth participate in major decisions related to the policies and activities of the organization or program.            |    |    |
| 2.  | Youth have opportunities to participate in meaningful ways in activities that address community needs.                 |    |    |
| 3.  | Youth have opportunities to identify and learn about community issues they care about in this program or organization. |    |    |
| 4.  | Youth develop leadership skills in this program or organization.   |    |    |
| 5.  | Youth can become active citizens in this program or organization.  |    |    |
| 6.  | Youth are actively engaged in their own learning through practical, hands-on activities.                               |    |    |
| 7.  | Youth are matched with mentors or older youth in this program.   |  |  |
| 8.  | The organization or program can tailor its offerings to meet your needs and interests.                                 |  |  |
| 9.  | The program provides a safe environment where you can learn and play.  |  |  |
| 10. | You can choose your own level of involvement in programs.  |  |  |
| 11. | Young people in the program trust adult staff.   |  |  |
| 12. | There are many ways to experience a sense of success in this program.  |  |  |
| 13. | Every member of this program or organization is valued and affirmed for who they are individually.                     |  |  |
| 14. | Program staff know how to deal with the unexpected—they can role with the punches.                                     |  |  |
| 15. | Program staff and volunteers care deeply about young people.   |  |  |

