

Volunteer Research, Knowledge, Competency (VRKC)

Taxonomy for 4-H Youth Development

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Positive Youth Development:
Practicing Youth-Adult Partnerships

Adult Perceptions

- Young people should be seen and not heard
- Young people should speak only when spoken to
- Because of their experience, adults know what's best for young people
- Young people have no place in adult society



Adult Perceptions After Experiencing a Youth-Adult Partnership

- The opinions of young people should be welcomed and valued
- Young people should be viewed as resources to their community
- Young people should be involved in making decisions about programs that affect them



What is a Youth-Adult Partnership?

- Youth and adults come together in a positive environment.
- Youth and adults take advantage of the strengths that each group brings to the table.
- Youth and adults strive toward an end result that would have been impossible without collaboration from the two unique groups.



A Continuum of Attitudes Toward Young People

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Adults know what is best for young people and control the situations in which they allow them to become involved.

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Adults allow young people to take part in decision making because they think the experience will be “good for them.”

Adults respect young people as having something significant to offer and youth are encouraged to become involved.



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