

Benefits to Youth

Improved competencies, self-esteem, stronger skills and experiences as leaders

Increased self-discipline, greater appreciation of how the system works; influence on changing attitudes among other youth

Benefits to DCF

New perspectives on decision making, including more relevant info about young people's needs and interests

Greater acceptance of messages, services, and decisions because you were involved in shaping them

Elements for Effective Youth Involvement

Young people make significant decisions. They identify issues, develop plans, implement those plans.

Young people and adults have collegial relationships, partnerships focused on common goals.

The organization allocates resources to involving youth