

Project Directors Retreat



**CREATING AND SUSTAINING YOUTH DRIVEN
GROUPS**

SPECTRUM OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



- Youth involvement can be described by the degree to which youth are empowered to participate and lead

The diagram illustrates a spectrum of youth involvement. It features a large, light pink arrow pointing from the bottom-left towards the top-right. Three orange circular markers are placed along the arrow's path, each corresponding to a level of involvement. The background is a light yellow gradient, and the bottom of the slide has a dark red horizontal bar.

Youth
Guided
Community

Youth
Directed
Community

Youth
Driven
Community

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Youth Driven Community

Youth driven communities are dedicated to authentic youth involvement; and listen to youth

Youth driven communities are dedicated to youth forming and facilitating youth groups in the community

Youth driven communities support youth providing training in the community based on personal experiences and knowledge

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Youth Directed Community

Youth directed communities support and encourage youth having positions on community boards, teams, and community collations

Youth directed communities support youth recruiting other youth to be involved throughout the community

Youth directed communities respect the autonomy of youth voice

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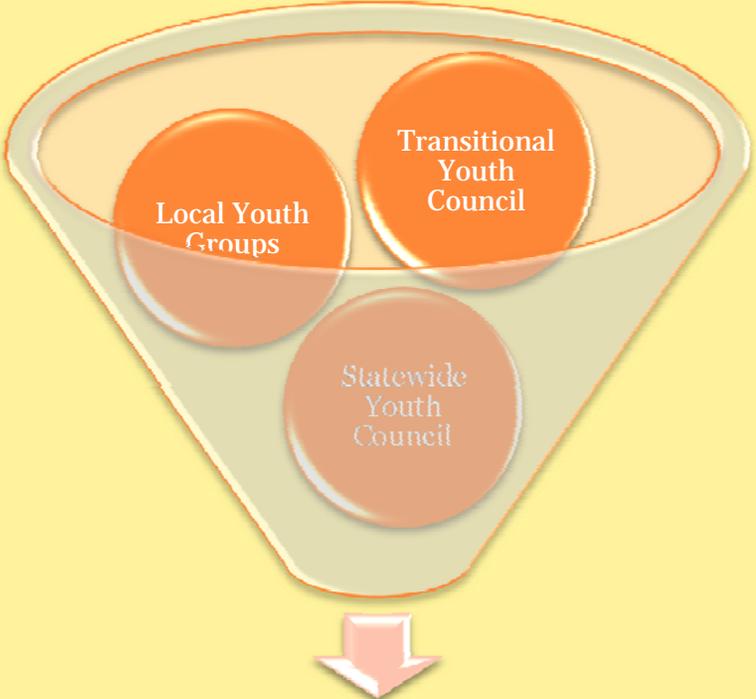
Youth Guided Community

Youth guided communities have an open minded viewpoint and there are decreased stereotypes about youth

Youth guided communities prioritize youth involvement and input during planning and/or meetings

Youth guided communities create open and safe spaces for youth

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Oklahoma Systems of Care
Youth Groups

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Question:

How do we create Youth Driven Groups in our communities?

How do we sustain Youth Driven Groups in our Communities?