

# YEP YOUTH SECTOR GUIDELINES

## GUIDELINE FOR THE YOUTH SECTOR

## ANTICIPATED RESULTS

### SUPPORTIVE CONTEXTS

1. Improve understanding of current services, community context and young peoples needs
2. Develop and strengthen partnerships for SHBBV promotion
3. Create sex-positive agency environments
4. Create inclusive and equitable agency cultures

(All subsequent strategies also function to create `supportive contexts for young people as they increase the dialogue on sexual health thus shifting social, cultural and peer norms about young people and sex.)

Improved understanding of community strengths and weaknesses.

Improved internal and stakeholder communication and collaboration.

Young people feel accepted and valued as sexual beings and receive consistent messages about their sexual health.

Young people of all sexualities, sexes, genders, cultures, ethnicities and abilities feel comfortable accessing services and support in relation to their sexuality.

### YOUTH PARTICIPATION

5. Improve understanding of young people's needs and interests in relation to SHBBV education and support
6. Value young people's strengths and involve them in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programs and services.

Programs and services are relevant to young people's needs.

Youth engagement and ownership in sexual health promotion is increased.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

7. Youth workers participate in SHBBV professional development opportunities

Youth workers are more confident and competent in raising SHBBV topics with young people and delivering education.

Youth workers are more aware of the critical role they can play in fostering positive SHBBV outcomes with young people.

### ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT

8. Develop plans and policies that are supportive of improved youth SHBBV service delivery
9. Increase human and financial resources to support increased action relating to youth SHBBV education and support
10. Conduct evaluation for quality improvement and supporting funding applications

Improved agency infrastructure, problem-solving and ownership for sustainability of outcomes

Increased likelihood of success and sustainability of initiatives

Fulfilling young people's rights and needs

### EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

11. Increase youth access to SHBBV information
12. Integrate SHBBV education into everyday youth work practice and other established programs
13. Deliver peer based education workshops and programs

Young people's rights to information that enables them to protect their health are upheld

Young people have improved: knowledge, attitudes, life-skills, self-awareness, self-esteem, peer norms and help-seeking in relation to their sexual health, which builds their capacity to make positive choices, engage in respectful relationships and avoid STIs and BBVs.

Young people become peer educators.

### ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES

14. Enable free and easy access to condoms and lubricant for young people
15. Support access to information, equipment and services for BBV prevention
16. Improve partnerships with youth-friendly testing and treatment services for referrals
17. Increase youth-friendly clinical service delivery

Increased capacity of young people to prevent STI and BBV transmission

Reduced STIs, BBVs and unwanted pregnancies

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