

# “Little things adults can do to make a big difference for young people”

- Smile at young people.
- Learn the names of young people and greet them.
- Ask young people about themselves and their interests. Listen to them.



- Attend a school function for a young person (e.g., a play, game, recital, concert, etc.). Make sure they know you're there.
- Teach young people to solve problems with the values they have.

- Notice when young people have stood up for themselves, resisted a dangerous situation, or asked for something they needed. Tell them how you admired their actions.
- Invite young people to share their gifts and talents.
- Walk the talk. Be a good role model.

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## The Algoma Youth Engagement Network

The Algoma Youth Engagement Network welcomes organizations like yours that are interested in creating youth engagement opportunities. Such opportunities support young people while strengthening organizations and building healthier communities.

The Algoma Youth Engagement Network is designed to:

- Identify opportunities for training, resources and support
- Help members problem solve through common youth engagement challenges
- Share “tricks of the trade” or best practices around youth engagement
- Highlight opportunities for youth
- Develop partnerships

Meetings are held monthly at Algoma Public Health.

For more information about the Algoma Youth Engagement Network, contact Algoma Public Health at 705-942-4646 X 3043 or email: [cartuso@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:cartuso@algomapublichealth.com)

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*For Organizations Interested In Developing Youth & Adult Partnerships*



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## Youth Leading the Way in Algoma

Across Algoma, organizations are embracing a new approach that's producing much more rewarding and successful results.

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## Youth Engagement and Development (YED) is about ...

- Partnering with young people and creating meaningful opportunities
- Redefining the role of youth to move beyond that of service recipients
  - Building relationships and community partnerships
  - Learning from young people's knowledge and insights

## Some Benefits of Engaging Youth in Your Organization

- Builds strong, community minded leaders
- Helps to more effectively reach organizational goals
- Develops generations of talented, well adjusted, competent potential employees\*
- Creates a stronger, more vibrant community in which to do business\*
- Builds new networks and connections\*
- Enhances positive public image for your organization\*

\* Griffin-Wiesner. (2004). *Your workplace: Simple investment, big reward*. Search Institute. p.1. Minneapolis, MN.

*"The AYEN provides the ability to connect with other youth organizations."*

**Julie Ringrose, Ranger Leader, Girl Guides of Canada**

*"The AYEN has been really valuable for networking and learning about other opportunities for youth engagement in the community."*

**Colleen Crowley, Youth Wellness Coordinator/ Right to Play Community Mentor**

*"AYEN provides feedback from organizations on how to improve your own services."*

**Jennifer Graham-Thompson, Reference Technician, Sault Ste Marie Public Library.**

*"AYEN membership offers an opportunity to share best practices, stay current with youth trends and to access resources."*

**Carly Smith, YMCA, Youth Gambling Awareness Program**

*"AYEN offers organizations an avenue to begin exploring youth engagement and development opportunities."*

**Kerrie De Poli, Manager, Bon Soo**