



Youth Voice

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The teenage years are difficult under any conditions, but are made more so when teenagers are not needed.

John McKnight, The Abundant Community

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What we heard...

- » Youth need **additional support** (family and community). They want to be a part of solving problems. They want to serve in ways that support community.
- » Youth are overwhelmed by life, including home life. They desire **more understanding and “space”** to be.
- » They want us to **show up for them**.
- » They want to be **exposed to different opportunities**-going beyond sports like football and basketball to hunting and fishing.
- » They want to be **prepared for the future**. Preparation and skills-acquisition for meaningful careers, not just low-paying jobs.
- » They want to **learn how to grow** their own food.



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Nothing guarantees that a young person will see a new possibility, but we can create the conditions where that choice is more likely.

Peter Block, Community, The structure of belonging

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