

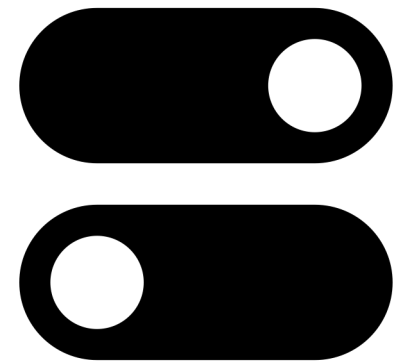
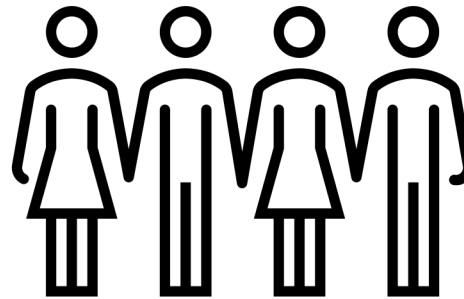
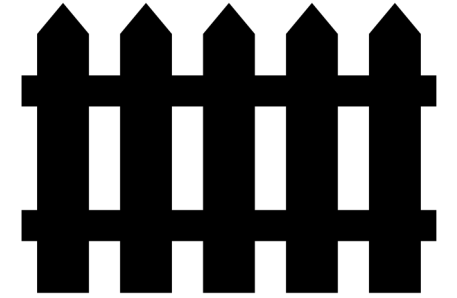
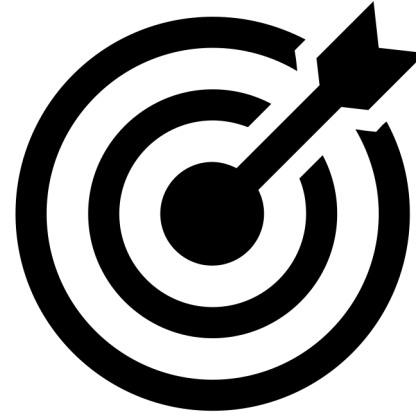
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Highlighting Young Adults as Experts



# How to structure youth engagement

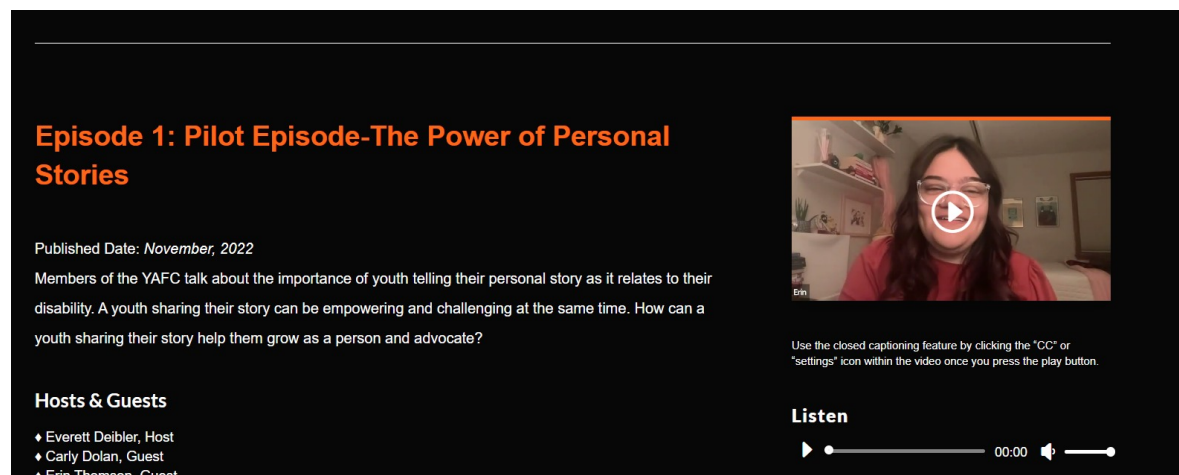
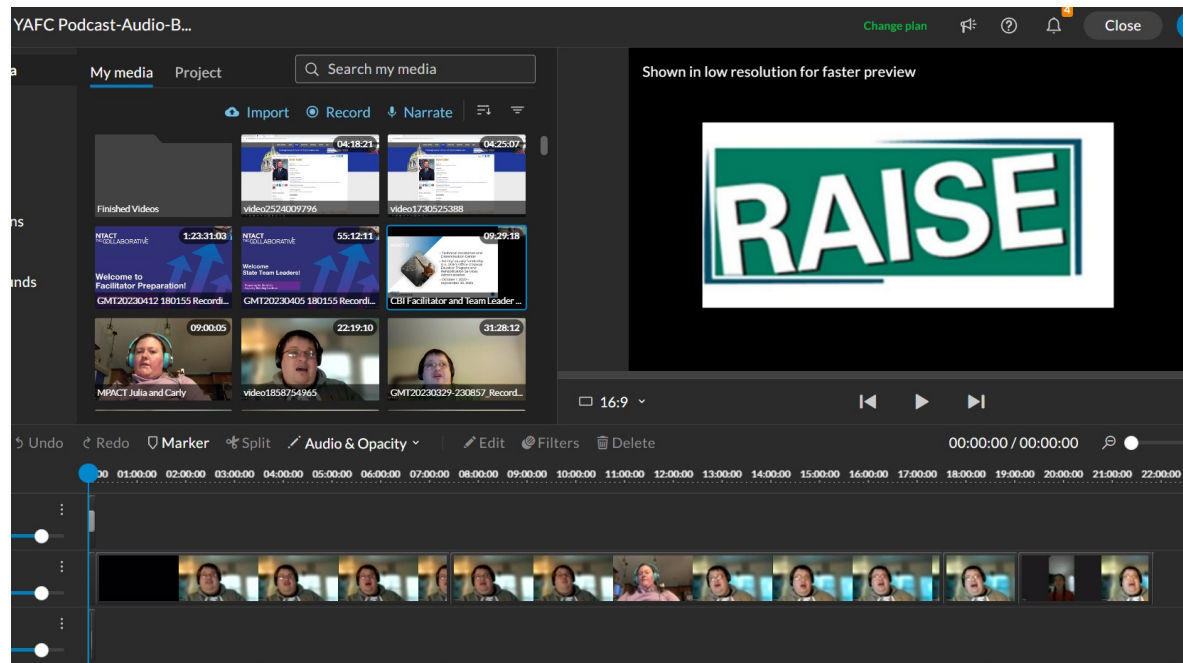
- Provide everyone with a goal.
- Set boundaries, based on available resources
- Require inclusion of everyone
- Allow for choice and flexibility
- Be open minded
- Don't throw away discussions you have with youth.



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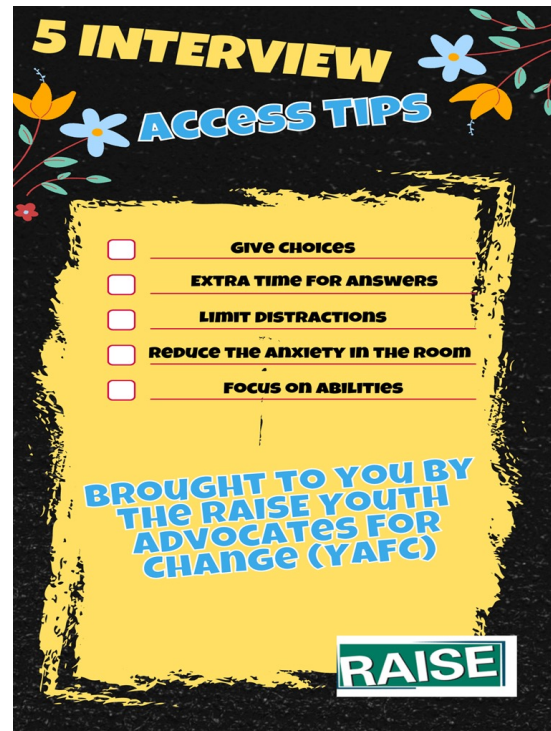
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# Panel Question

- What is the difference between tokenism and being in a room where you as youth are in a leadership role?

# An Adult Ally ...

## IS:

- Someone who *chooses* to support the goals *of the youth*
- Coming from a place of trust
- Someone who believes in the youth
- Someone who knows the youth
- Someone who uses their unique knowledge set to guide the youth

## IS NOT:

- In “charge” of the youth’s goals
- Someone who gives orders
- Someone who coddles the youth
- Overly involved **or** uninvolved
- Someone who belittles the youth perspective

# Dual Roles

- It is likely that you experience many different things regarding working with youth.
- Be confident in having both your “parent/professional” time and “adult ally” time
  - “Parent/Professional” time = Interactions aimed at explaining systems and logistics
  - “Adult ally” time = Interactions aimed at developing personal goals for the student



# Panel Question

- What is the value of having an ally and how can they help you to showcase your expertise?

# Panel Question

- What last piece of advice would you give to center staff about empowering young people?