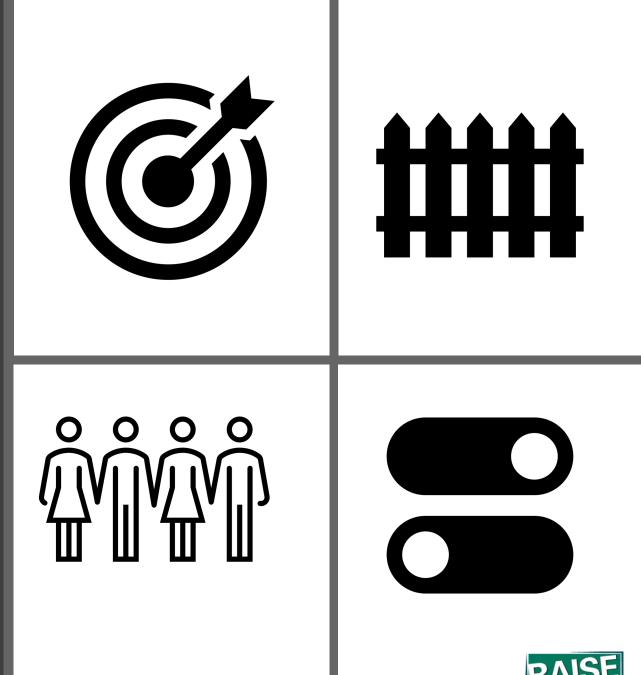
## A Young Adult Showcase

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.







The YAFC Sandbox



#### Episode 1: Pilot Episode-The Power of Personal Stories

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Members of the YAFC talk about the importance of youth telling their personal story as it relates to their disability. A youth sharing their story can be empowering and challenging at the same time. How can a youth sharing their story help them grow as a person and advocate?

#### Hosts & Guests

♦ Everett Deibler, Host
♦ Carly Dolan, Guest
♦ Frin Thomson, Guest



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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 <u>NOT</u>:

- 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?

