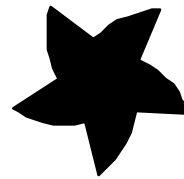
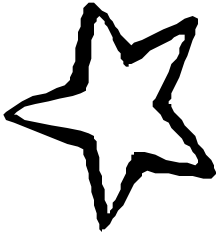


ALLOW A VOICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We have a lot to say and many good ideas but we are hardly ever taken seriously. We should get more credit for the good stuff we do.

Here are some ideas:

- Involve youth in planning events and programs, as leadership role models, as facilitators, in developing community collaborations, in policy development, in the legislative process, in developing positive media campaigns.
- Create positions for youth on school boards, non-profit boards, and other boards. Create local youth advisory councils to schools, local government, tribal government, and community groups. Create youth safety coalitions.
- Expand the state level youth advisory council (the Youth Development Advisory Council) to include youth from each county.
- Develop youth directed non-profit organizations.
- Give youth the opportunity to promote a positive image – newspaper columns by and for youth, teen produced radio shows or a Youth Radio Station, school publications and announcements, a Youth Speakers Bureau, a Youth Website.
- Train youth in leadership, lobbying, advocacy, using the media, influencing the media to eliminate violence and generally change advertising practices, meeting principles and meeting management, facilitation, peer counseling, grievances and appeals, public speaking, presentation techniques (like Power Point), fundraising, grant writing, and program evaluation.



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