



Discovering what kids need to succeed

Just Ask Them!

Engaging Young People to Strengthen Out-of-School Time Program Quality

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What is Youth Voice?



- When young people are respected and free to express their thoughts, ideas and opinions.

And...

- When those thoughts, ideas and opinions are authentically heard and implemented in the contexts that effect them.



Why does Youth Voice Matter?

- Sense of Belonging
- Competence
- Agency
- Ownership
- Program Growth



What can we do to Cultivate Youth Voice in our Organization?

- Do listen carefully to what youth in your program are saying (even if you disagree)
- Don't be afraid to share your thoughts too
- Do provide an environment where everyone can share in their own way
- Don't expect this to happen overnight

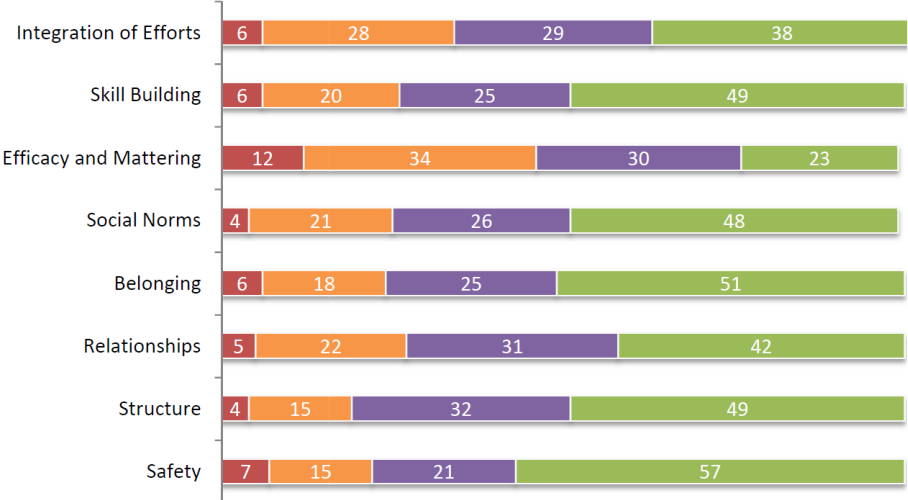


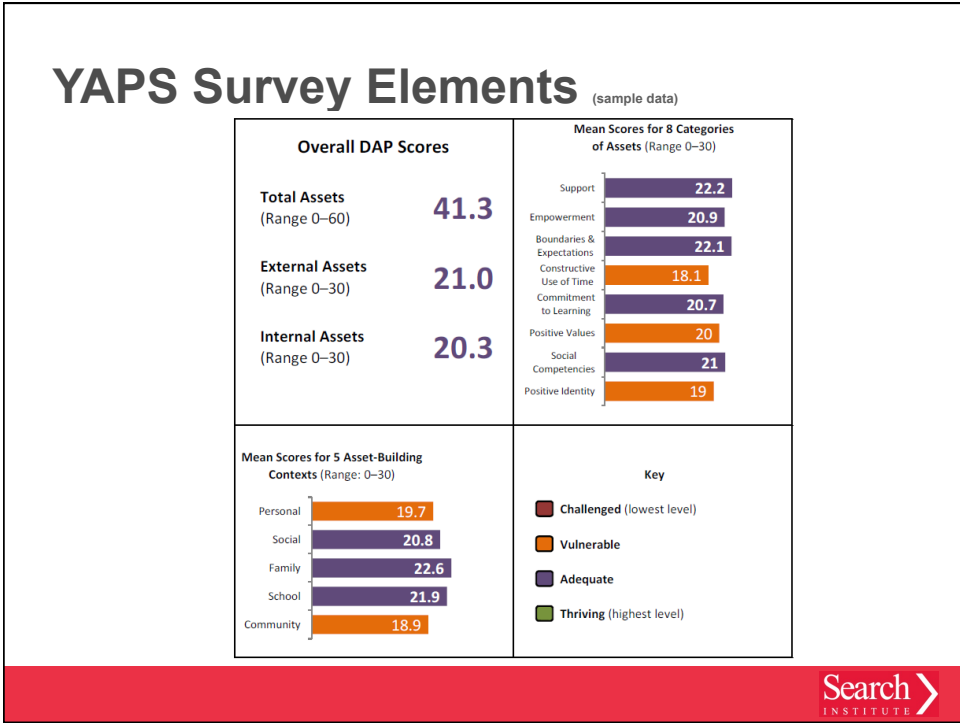
Background on YAPS Survey

- Importance of character skills to OST programs
- Formation of a Committee on Community-Level Programs for Youth
- Program quality emphasis



YAPS Survey Elements (pilot data)





- ## YAPS Survey Basics
- Appropriate for grades 6-12
 - Online survey
 - Affordable
 - High quality
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Using YAPS Survey Data

Pastor Justin Boeding

- Introduction

- Why we used the survey

- How I was able to apply the survey results to my work

Using YAPS to Promote Youth Voice

- **Introduce** YAPS survey to youth by letting them know that their voice will be an integral part of the process of strengthening program quality
- **Invite Ownership** by asking youth in your organization to help organize the implementation of the survey and invite as many as possible to take it
- **Discuss** results with youth and what those results mean for your organization (what?, so what?)
- **Strategize and Implement** ways to strengthen your program based on the findings with youth (now what?)

Coming Soon: Youth and Program Strengths Workshops

Youth and Program Strengths: Increasing Quality in Out-of-School-Time Programs

- **Workshop for any organization interested in bringing youth voice into quality initiatives**

Youth and Program Strengths: Taking Action with Your Out-of-School-Time Data

- **Workshop for organizations that administer the YAPS Survey**

*More Info on these and other workshops:
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Questions?

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