

YOUTH POWER!

Tips for Youth Group Leaders

- ☆ Network with people in your community to find support and learn from others experiences. Making connections is very important.
- ☆ Ask people with experience a lot of questions. Write things down!
- ☆ Know your goals. It is important to have a mission so that you stay motivated and focus on the thing that you ultimately want to achieve.
- ☆ Forming new groups and leading groups can be very challenging. Remember that you have to stay dedicated through the rough spots if you are going to achieve your mission. Our biggest achievements have been the most challenging. As you may already know, there is no describing the personal satisfaction you can have once you overcome big obstacles to succeed.
- ☆ Members come and go. Constantly recruit new people and work to make sure they feel welcome when they arrive.
- ☆ Work together as a team. Everyone has different strengths that can help your group to succeed. Celebrate your differences and work together to achieve your mission.
- ☆ Work through group conflict. Advocates are usually very opinionated and conflict is sure to happen at some point. Remember respect is the most important rule of groups. Recognize conflict and help each other to resolve issues. Seek outside help if you need to.
- ☆ Celebrate every little accomplishment. True community and systems change takes a long time. It is important to value the small steps you make toward achieving your mission.