

# Appropriate Structure



*This checklist is part of the 8 Key Qualities of Youth Engagement\*.*

This quality of youth engagement is achieved through practices such as these:

- Outlining clear expectations and boundaries for everyone who participates
- Apply guidelines equally to adults and youth, and engaging everyone in the generation of, and maintenance of program expectations
- Providing adult support and supervision where necessary
- Incorporating some consistent or routine activities and processes
- Developing age-appropriate activities
- Training staff on the developmental needs of participant age groups
- Staff team protocol and support to address inappropriate behaviours or safety issues

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\* According to Eccles and Gootman<sup>14</sup>, there are eight key qualities associated with positive developmental settings: Physical and Psychological Safety, Appropriate Structure, Supportive Relationships, Opportunities for Belonging and Meaningful Inclusion, Positive Social Norms, Support for Efficacy and Mattering, Opportunities for Skill Building and Learning and Integration of Family, School and Community Efforts