

# Positive Social Norms



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

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

- Collaboratively creating group guidelines and organizational values which are promoted and visibly posted in meeting areas
- Staff, volunteers and leaders who role model the guidelines and incorporate them naturally and culturally in their day-to-day work
- Revisiting group guidelines regularly throughout the process and introduce them to newly joining group members
- Having clear expectations regarding behaviour and respect for others
- Modeling effective communication, acceptance (not tolerance), respect, collaboration, problem solving, support and encouragement
- Visual displays (poster, resources..) of diversity
- Activities that encourage team-work and co-operation

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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