

# **Brief Summary Of Youth Services Summit**

## ***New Trends***

- increase in youth community involvement
- downtowns less youth-friendly;
- youth left out of economic development and planning -
- fewer young people dropping out
- decrease teen substance abuse
- increase networking/collaboration between youth service providers
- increase youth recognition in school, community, family
- decrease early childhood education resources (has exponential effect)

## ***Some New Problems/challenges/events***

- High drop out rate
- Cost of gas increase = decreased opportunities
- No change in community perception of youth
- Cuts to bus service
- Job situation not improving
- Cuts to parents education
- Cyber-bullying
- Increased number of kids in need, esp. housing for teens

## ***New community resources and programs***

- Big Bros/Big Sis and Greenfield Elementary School
- NQ YES Youth Leadership Program
- Brick House Work Readiness Program
- Gill – Montague Teen Health Program
- Town of Greenfield DV prev programs
- YES Accessibility Project –
- Accessible hardware and software
- Job readiness programs (36 youth)
- Chris Collins new principal of GMS
- NQ Time Bank [nqtimebank.org](http://nqtimebank.org)
- DIAL/SELF expansion
  - Street outreach, basic center prog,
  - Transitional living program and rental subsidies
  - Night Owl teen warming center

- Project green light (awareness)
- ACT community center
- Youth leadership council

### ***PYD Components***

- Strong adult- youth relationships
- Safe Places
- Recognition
- Opp. for service
- Skill building
- High and clear expectations
- Community Involvement
- Supportive Communities
- Bonding to schools and Communities
- Recognizing and valuing strengths of youth
- Leadership Opp.
- Healthy peer relationships

### ***10 great things about FC and NQ that promote PYD***

- Service Learning
- Performing
- Caring Adults
- Opp. for youth leadership
- Recognition and Awards
- Mentoring
- Dedicated Teachers
- Collaboration between prov
- Different councils
- Creative engagement of parents
- Community that values education and teen achievement

### ***PYD as a Community Strategy***

- Education of community
- use the media(newspaper, radio, T.V.)
- Day of thanks (youth “Thanksgiving Day”)
- what is out target audience and gear strategy toward their needs
- How do you get business involved
- PYD Pledge
- Chamber and town to endorse

- How to eval. progress?
- involve youth in the process
- create year round jobs and activities for youth
- need to better engage schools and other community members
- bring them to next summit
- must convince youth that community cares and values them

### ***Proposed YSR Work Groups***

- Jobs for youth (2)
- Cyber-bullying
- Negative Community Perceptions of Youth
- More funding for parent education
- PYD as a community strategy (2)
- RISE (2)
- More funding for early childhood ed
- Youth-friendly downtowns (4)