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Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA)

**Belonging**
- Members greeted/welcomed when they arrive at project meeting/activity
- Physical environment is safe and free of hazard or risk
- Emotional environment is respectful, positive, supportive, inclusive, relaxed, and accepting
- Volunteer shows sincere interest in the lives of his/her members

**Mastery**
- Members set goals & make plans for individual & group project experiences
- Project leaders push youth to take healthy risks, try new things and challenge themselves
- Project experiences provide members opportunities to talk with others about what they are doing, thinking and learning

**Independence**
- Members have voice in and influence on decisions around project experiences
- Members have opportunities to act as project leaders, facilitators, mentors
- Members partner with adults and share control of project activities

**Generosity**
- Service to others and community is integrated into project experiences and the input of members in determining service efforts is welcomed & valued
- Volunteers support and encourage the contributions and accomplishments of members

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