



1. **Start with Sustainability-** What does success look like?
2. **Community Assets and Needs Assessment-** What exists or is missing from your community? *For example: partnerships, programs, funding, center*
3. **Theme:** What is the project focus area of your positive youth development program?
4. **Goals/Objectives/Outcomes:**
  - a. What are you going to do?
  - b. Why are you doing this?
  - c. What are your anticipated results?
5. **Time Commitment:**
  - a. How often will your program meet? (ex: 1 day, weekly, monthly) *Consider your time and your audience's time. Don't forget to consider your HR and financial budget*
6. **Audience:**
  - a. What age groups are you interested in working with? *Consider Ages and Stages of Positive Youth Development*
  - b. How many participants? *Think about who you are marketing to, consider budget*
7. **Location:**
  - a. Where would you like to host your program? *Consider Accessibility, Facility, Community, Cost*
8. **Resources:** What resources do you need to get started?
  - a. \*Consider budget and partners. Don't recreate the wheel!\*
9. **Curriculum:** What topics would you like to teach around your project area? *Consider age, culture, community and also source; peer reviewed, academic*
10. **When would you like to start?** *Keep in mind needed time for marketing, registration, seasons, related community events*

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## 11. Next Steps?

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