

25 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR SPACE MORE YOUTH-CENTERED!

1. CREATE A FEEDBACK BOX FOR YOUR SPACE

ASK YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND WHAT THEY NEED TO FEEL SAFE.

SPACE DESIGN

- 2. Display youth artwork and current creations
- 3. Art by artists, activists and community members that reflect youth's cultures and values
- 4. Gender liberated restrooms
- 5. Charging stations
- 6. Computers with wifi
- 7. Staff are present and accessible in space

FOOD & FUN

- 16. Snacks and food (Ask about preferences, dietary needs and likes; Snacks are not substitutes for meals and when possible, strive to get full meals for young people)
- 17. Music... have youth rotate who gets to DJ

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- 20. Condoms (internal, external and dental dams)
- 21. Plan B (and ways to get connected to reproductive care)
- 22. Pads, tampons, and diva cups
- 23. Access to seasonal clothing in an open space (Alternative: Host a Clothing Swap for youth to bring and exchange!)
- 24. A space to decompress with different calming tools such as:
 - Aromatherapy items such as oils, sprays or diffuser
 - Playdoh
 - Paint
 - Coloring books and pencils/crayons
 - Fidget Spinners
 - Sound machine
- 25. Chill/processing room space - away from classroom/workshop space

ACCESSIBILITY

- 8. Metrocards or transportation support
- 9. Language Justice
 - Documents, signs and posters are translated into the primary languages spoken in your spaces and communities you work with
- 10. Armless chairs and/or different types of seating
- 11. Prayer space
- 12. Child care
- 13. A space for breastfeeding or pumping
- 14. Elevator access
- 15. No flashing lights or strobe... on phones or otherwise

CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY

- 18. Resource table with connections to other organizations and resources
- 19. Access to other caring adults as mentors, femtors and themtors

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