THE SIX WHYS & HOWS OF PARTNERING WITH YOUTH

WHY PARTNER?

You will learn from youth - they are the experts in their own lives

Help youth understand their own worth, feel wanted & valued

Build trusting relationships so youth feel comfortable identifying and sharing their needs, wants, & desires

Redistribute your power, through voice & choice, so youth feel empowered

Help youth regain a sense of control

Help youth feel human, not broken

HOW?

Involve them in decision making about their well-being & their case

Create space for youth to directly state their needs, wants, & desires

Talk directly to youth, not just about them

Be transparent, honest, & consistent

Check in often, build rapport & listen

Inquire about their supports