

YEP: Research Group Meeting Agenda

Meeting 7 - Individual Meaning Making

Meeting Objectives:

- Gather your feedback on the themes we found in your data
- Be prepared to write the case study for your policy win

Meeting Documents

- Slides
- Exit Ticket

Time	Item & Notes
10 minutes	<p>Welcome, Teambuilding & Norms</p> <p>What’s your favorite winter comfort food or drink?</p> <p>Norm to highlight: Opposing views are welcome and should be shared with respect</p>
10 minutes	<p>Grounding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of this session • Data analysis process so far • Framework refresher
20 minutes	<p>Youth Roles/Policy Change Process Activity (can add 5 minutes)</p> <p>In Miro, we’ll map some data excerpts onto which youth role and which policy change process it exemplifies. This will help ensure we have shared definitions of each youth role and each component of the policy change process so that we correctly write up your case study.</p>

If you have questions about the [Authentic Youth Engagement in Policy Project](#), please contact co-Principal Investigators Amy McKlindon at amcklindon@childtrends.org and Samantha E. Holquist at sholquist@childtrends.org.

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Roles and Policy Change Process Activity Map these data excerpts onto which youth role and which policy change process they exemplify.</p> <p>Youth Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading/Designing: Youth lead policy change while adults assist Collaborating/Co-Designing: Youth and adults partner to lead policy change Speaking: Youth share their ideas, experiences, and opinions for policy change and adults interpret the information and possibly act on it <p>Policy Change Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Identification: How youth identify a problem for policy change, which can include research and data collection to understand the problem and its context. Policy Design and Formulation: Youth's involvement in specific activities related to designing and formulating new policies or changing existing policies. Policy Advocacy: How youth advocate for policy change Policy Implementation: Youth's involvement in the implementation of the policy change <p>Facilitator prep required before meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make a copy of the Miro board</i> • <i>Add 6-10 excerpts to the board</i> • <i>Ideas for choosing excerpts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>In Dedoose, use the “Descriptor x Code Case Count Table” in the Analyze view to identify which aspects of Youth Roles (Speaking, Collaborating/Co-Designing, and Leading/Designing) and Policy Change Process (Policy Identification, Policy Design, sub-themes under Policy Advocacy, and Policy Implementation) are coded most frequently</i> <p><i>Review the excerpts under these top themes and see if there are any you aren't quite sure about, that may be more than one Youth Role or Policy Change Process, or that have contradictory information in different interviews. These are ripe for selection.</i></p>
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	<p>Outcomes Activity We'll organize data excerpts into types of outcomes they represent.</p> <p>Community/ Raising Awareness of Youth engagement</p> <p>Youth leadership</p> <p>...the biggest [change] for me is really just seeing other young people like in the program outside. I've just been noticing a lot more young people actually involved in the work and not just talking about it, actually putting forth a foot to help a change 'cause that was not something I saw earlier". - Youth</p> <p>"...it's an ecosystem that has developed since 2019 with our first cohort. Not saying that we started it, but we helped build a framework that other orgs have seen. [They're] not trying to copy our exact thing, but focusing on youth leadership because they understand the importance of youth being leaders in the spaces they're in." - Youth</p> <p>- Fellows led and participated in the Youth Voice table for the City's working group - Hosted a Digital Advocacy Series for the 'Phase 2' program - Fellows hosted and attended weekly meetings with Policy Consultants - Youth gained 29 endorsements from organizations and elected officials throughout September and October</p> <p>"Youth from different cohorts were able to talk to city council members on multiple occasions, advocating for policy change, allocation of resources to youth programs. A lot of youth have been able to take what they learned from the program and run with it, if not in for their own careers, by advocating for policy with City Council or things like the Youth Master Plan..." - Adult Supporter</p> <p>Facilitator prep required before meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pull all community outcome excerpts from your grantee and select one or two illustrative excerpts. • Pull all organizational outcome excerpts from your grantee and select one or two illustrative excerpts. • Pull all policy outcome excerpts from your grantee and select one or two illustrative excerpts. <p>Add excerpts to the copy you made of the Miro board above.</p>
<p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Organizational Practices Activity</p> <p>First we'll share some of the top themes from your data under the Organizational Practices section of the framework. Then we'll have a discussion to understand how you interpret these themes. Questions might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What stands out as the most important element within each theme? • How can other organizations do some of the things highlighted in your data? • What do these themes look like in action? <p>Facilitator prep required before meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at "Descriptor x Code Case Count Table" to identify up to three themes under "Organizational Practices" (likely by most coded) to spend time on with your grantee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brainstorm questions you'd like to ask and add them to the slides and agenda. Here are some examples to start:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What stands out to them as the most important element?</i> ○ <i>How can other organizations do this?</i> ○ <i>What does this look like in action?</i> <p><i>Update slides to include information about the themes you selected and update discussion questions. Please hide slides from other meetings that you won't be using, but don't delete them!</i></p>
<p>5 minutes</p>	<p>Wrap Up & Next Steps</p> <p>Full Group Meeting: We are already working on scheduling a full research group meeting for December to make meaning of everyone's data together. Please fill out the Doodle poll!</p> <p>Case Study: We will start working on a draft of your policy win case study, which should be ready for you to review during the first two weeks of February.</p> <p>Extending Consulting Agreements: We were initially scheduled to complete our work in January 2025, but we'll need another few months to finalize everything. We're working with the Foundation to extend our grant through June 2025, which means we'll need to update your consulting agreements.</p> <p>Feedback: Please complete the exit ticket!</p>