

# Introduction to Youth-Adult Partnerships

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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# OBJECTIVES

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- Define youth-adult partnerships.
- Articulate the benefits of youth-adult partnerships for youth, adults and organizations.
- Describe key best practices in building youth-adult partnerships.
- Identify possible challenges and key ingredients for success.

**When I say “youth-adult  
partnership” what comes to mind?**

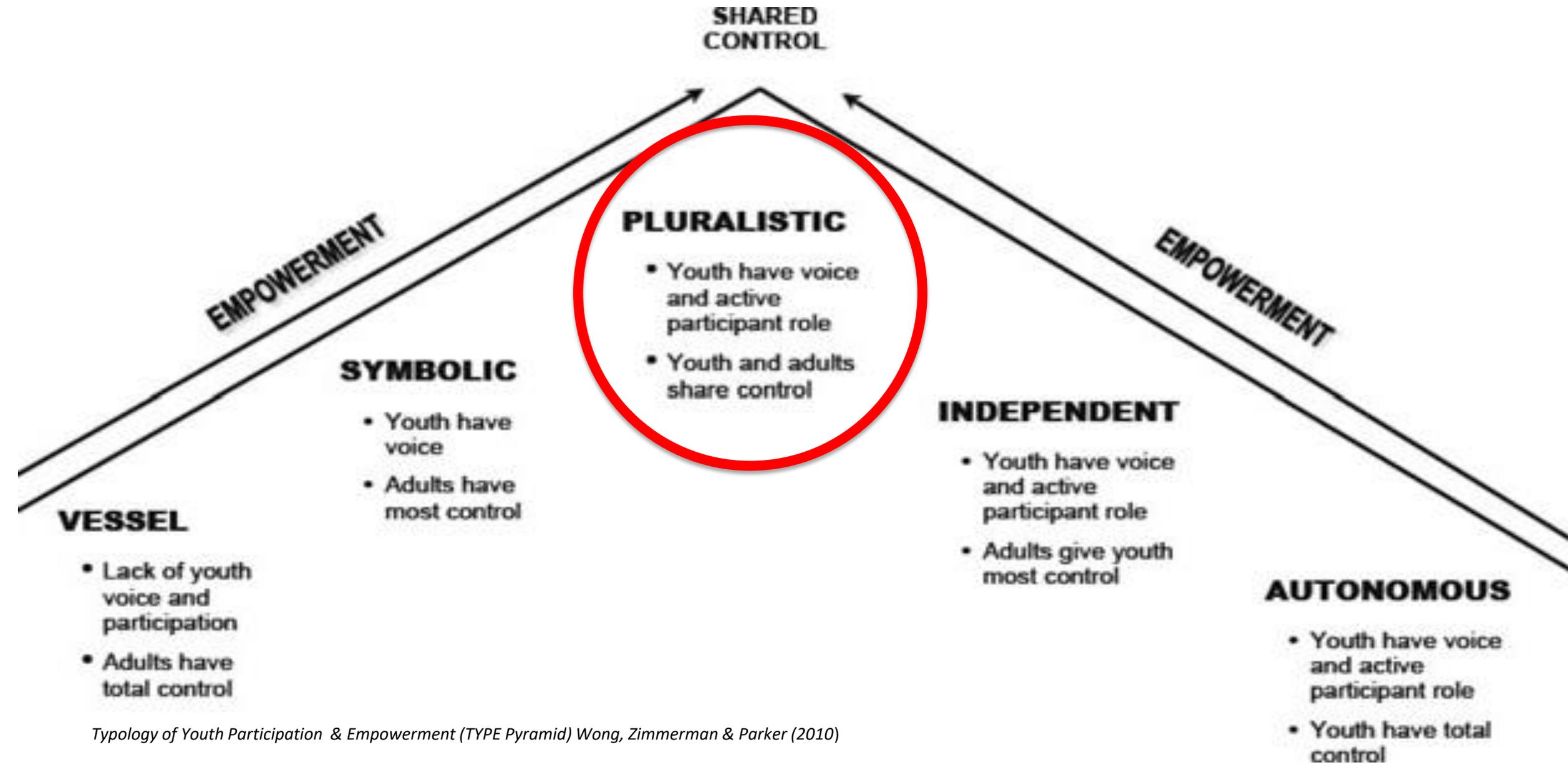
# ENGAGEMENT → PARTNERSHIP

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“Involving youth and adults in responsible, challenging, and collective action that seeks to benefit the organization or larger community. Opportunity to engage in planning, decision-making, and action consistent with their interests and skills.”

*Being Y-AP Savvy: A Primer on Creating and Sustaining Youth Adult Partnerships*

# OCCURS ALONG A SPECTRUM



# BENEFITS OF YOUTH ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

Youth	Adults	Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Safety and belonging.</b></li><li>• <b>Efficacy and empowerment</b>-confidence in ability to change environment.</li><li>• <b>Civic engagement</b> and applying their own life to larger social, economic and political structures.</li><li>• <b>More connections</b> to peers, community, leaders.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>More confidence</b> to effectively share power and responsibility with youth.</li><li>• <b>Increased satisfaction</b> in passing along experience to new generation.</li><li>• <b>Develop new respect</b> for youth competence and expertise.</li><li>• <b>Become an advocate.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Institutionalize Expectations</b> of Youth Participation.</li><li>• <b>Agendas Reflect Youth Voice.</b></li><li>• <b>More responsive</b> public institutions.</li></ul>

# BUILDING YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

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Pay attention to logistics and group dynamics.



Create ongoing opportunities for collective reflection (formal and informal).



Affirmatively address issues of role and power.

# EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL COORDINATOR

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1. Compassionate
2. Patient
3. Sympathetic/Empathetic
4. Proactive
5. Empowering

**What are some challenges you might encounter building youth adult partnerships as a part of your work?**

# OVERCOMING COMMON CHALLENGES

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## CHALLENGE

- TIME.

## STRATEGY

- ✓ Schedule a retreat. Assign homework.
- ✓ Use social media/texting
- ✓ Check-ins over the phone

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- I am not connected to the daily operation of the school and/or SBHC.

- ✓ Find an ally in the school/SBHC.
- ✓ Talk with the principal about benefits of Y-AP

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- Recruitment/keeping youth engaged.

- ✓ Social media– use wisely + leverage well
- ✓ Use multiple avenues to recruit
- ✓ Timing

# QUESTIONS?

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- Any questions?
- Are there any strategies that have worked well for you?

**THANK YOU**

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