



## **Tips for Adults That Work with Youth From a Youth Perspective**

(From youth panel at the Daly City Partnership meeting on 1/22/14)

### **Do:**

- Give clear instructions
- Give us a chance to lead
- Make things fun and exciting. We like trying new things/activities
- Reach a level of understanding with us

### **Don't:**

- Don't approach me like you already know me. Just because one approach worked with another youth doesn't mean it will work for me. Get to know me (my interests, etc.) and take the time to know me. Don't push things.
- Don't judge or jump to conclusions. Just listen.
- Don't treat us like children; trust us and give us a chance
- Don't give up on us

### **What has contributed to a positive outcome with an adult support?**

- [They] made me feel important and acknowledged me. They said I did it.
- Got me involved in activities
- Feeling like I did something and made an impact.
- They accepted me and helped me learn.