Indicator Framework



Initiating Youth Engagement

Program Indicators	Benchmark 1: Unfreezing	Benchmark 2: Catalyzing	Benchmark 3: Internalizing	Benchmark 4: Institutionalizing
Support for initiating youth engagement is widespread.	Organizational rationale for engaging youth is identified.	Stakeholders identify their reasons for engaging youth. Rationales for youth engagement are discussed and shared with all stakeholders.	Stakeholders frequently share examples, success stories and evidence-based resources about youth engagement.	Youth engagement rationale is embedded in policy documents and evaluation frameworks.
Shared principles and objectives guide youth engagement.	Opportunities and initiatives that affect youth, but do not yet engage youth are identified.	Senior staff and policy/decision makers encourage and support initiating youth engagement. Capacity building opportunities are available to prepare adults and youth.	Stakeholders routinely apply youth engagement principles and practices in their work. Young people are involved in identifying objectives, values and principles.	Ongoing mechanisms for identifying opportunities/ initiatives, youth recruitment and youth involvement in planning are created.

