REUNITE, REIGNITE, RE-ENERGIZE: INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

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Integrating the *We Think Twic*e™ Campaign into YOUR APP Programming

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g Objectives

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nd experiment with We Think Twice™ materials and describe several ways se and disseminate them in your dayork with the youth you serve.

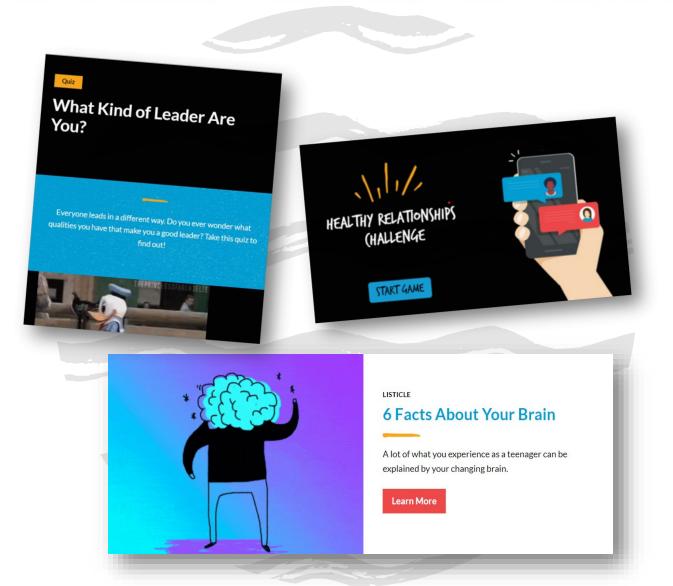
how youth-centered design activities nee your ability to gather input and from youth to inform your own ning; Practice creating youth-centered estions and activities you can use in c.

put into future *We Think Twice* that would be beneficial for youthparents, guardians, and other



Aims of the *We Think Twice*[™] Digital Media Campaign





- Design a comprehensive digital media campaign with youth for youth
- Shift perceptions and social norms and support resistance to negative peer pressure
- Build teen knowledge and skills to
 - Form healthy relationships,
 - Set goals for the future, and
 - Feel empowered to make healthy decisions.
- Support the goals of FYSB's Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention program and its grantees.

Components of the *We Think Twice*[™] Campaign



Website Designed With and For Youth





Explore Resources V

Get Involved

Your Stories

Who We Are

We think twice about RELATIONSHIPS

Because our future matters.



We Think Twice[™] Website





www.wethinktwice.acf.hhs.gov



We Think Twice[™] Instagram





Relationship

724 posts 5.723 followers 156 following We Think Twice Community Follow us for tips on setting goals, relationships, mental health, planning for life after high school, and more.

Message

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Digital Tools

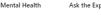






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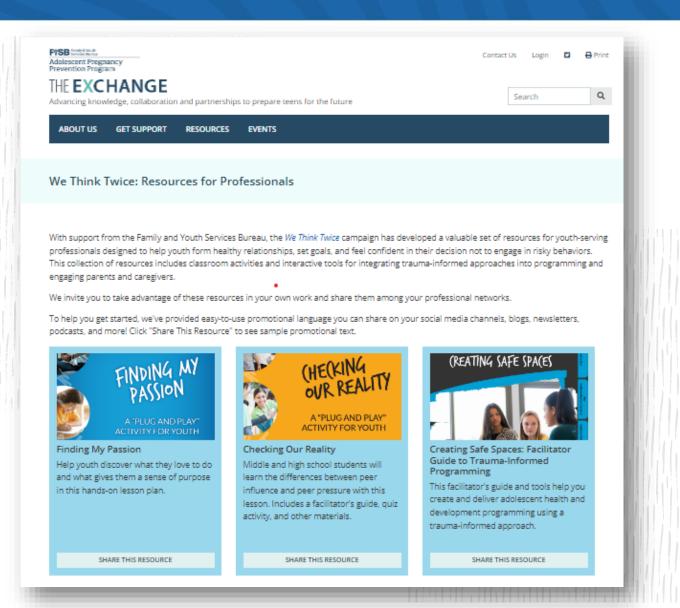


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SCAVENGER HUNT

We Think Twice[™] Resources for Professionals





Resources for Professionals



teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/content/wethink-twice-resources-professionals

SCAVENGER HUNT



Insights from the Scavenger Hunt – Sharing in Large Group

- What is one digital product that might particularly interest your youth, and why? What makes it compelling?
- How might youth in your programs contribute to We Think Twice?
- What are some topics we might want to address that are not currently available on the website? Specifically, what are some mental health topics?
- How will you incorporate some of the We Think Twice resources for professionals into your own programming?

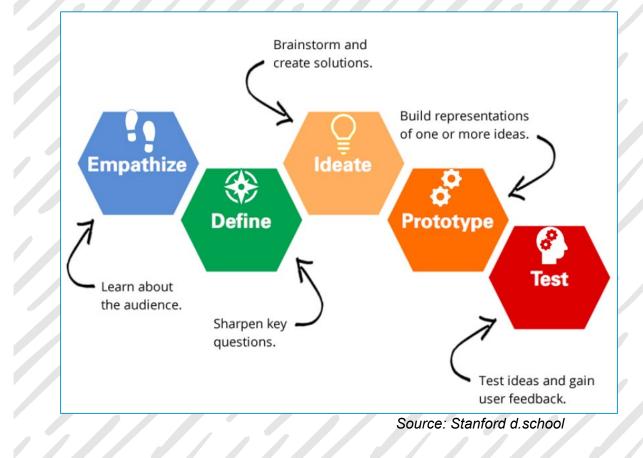
PART 2. Use youth-centered design to enhance YOUR programming.

A Key Criteria: Youth-Centered Design



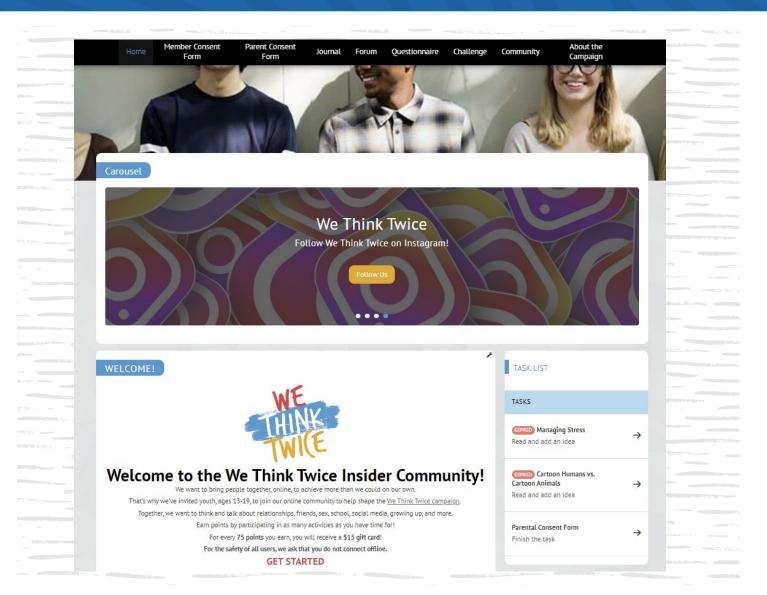
Understanding and empathizing with youth's realities and then cocreating, co-designing and testing solutions with them.

Or simply: designing **with** youth **for** youth



Engaging Youth in Content Creation – We Think Twice [™] Insiders





What Do Insiders Do?



Journals

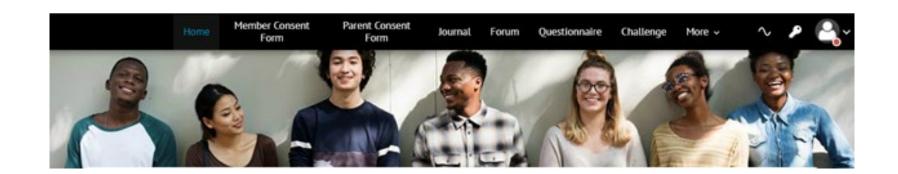
• We are developing a quiz on leadership styles and need your feedback! Which two images would you offer for teens to choose between? This quiz will be similar to a fun, Buzzfeedstyle quiz.

Challenge

 Rate these 9 Topic
Ideas (teens rated the following topics: Vaping, hobbies, money
management, mental
health, etc.)

Questionnaire

- Feedback on the "Find Your Mentors" tool
- Feedback on interactive digital planner



What Do Insiders Do?



Forums

- Smart Decisions
- Relationships
- Goal Setting

- COVID-19
- Mental Health
- Post Your Own!

Polls

- Are you familiar with "check-cashing stores" and/or "payday lending stores"?
- Which title do you like best for the Explore Resources section of our web page? This section will include informative videos, quizzes, and other tools.





Youth-generated Content









My entry is a painting of a moment of joy exchanged between myself and my cousin... I remember how I felt, **I remember all of our worries drifting away and having the ability to just exist in this bubble of happiness with one another.** So when I'm asked: what makes you smile? Family, friends, and people who are there for me when I need to take my mind off things; people who have my best interests at heart and want to ensure that I can make the most of every second of my life with no regrets.



TEENS TALK RELATIONSHIPS







Create Your Future Arts Contest Honorable Mention, Katie. The inspiration: "My goal this year is to improve in all aspects of my life. My graffiti style art shows the areas in my life I would like to improve."



Ask the Experts





Youth Gain Skills Through Involvement



It lets me talk about what it's like to be a teenager and feel like I'm actually helping to make things better for other teens. It definitely helps me feel less like adults just rope all teens together as moody, impulsive almost-adults. Another pro is that we get compensation for our time, which is really cool.



young people across the United States

have helped shape the campaign so far!

It's been really interesting getting to talk with a lot of different people from all across the country, and that experience is unique.

It is a safe space for teens to discuss interesting things and contribute to something bigger than themselves. It's also fun because I get to read and write things I normally wouldn't. I have joined [The Insiders] months ago and it has changed my life completely. I was interested in [The Insiders] because you were changing the way teenagers and young adults were thinking. I want to be able to participate, help, and encourage a goal setting mindset.



Breakout Groups

- Brainstorm 3 questions you can ask your youth to gain insight into their needs and priorities, and how you can best serve them. Consider the following:
 - Do you know
 - what topics and issues they are most concerned about?
 - what your youth value most?
 - what they most like and don't like about the programming you offer?
 - what draws youth to your programming and what keeps them engaged?
 - <u>how</u> they like to learn?
- Share with other grantees one way you're already engaging youth in design and decision-making in your own programs.

PART 3. Tell us what We Think Twice[™] can do for you.



Breakout Groups

- Brainstorm 3 resources you would like to see us create for youth-serving professionals. Consider the following:
 - What topics do youth in your community need the most right now?
 - What resources can we create that enable you to hear directly from youth (i.e., youth-generated or youth-informed)?
 - What can we create that you can give directly to youth (e.g., infographics, short animated videos)? What topics would you like us to cover?



Breakout Groups

- Brainstorm 3 approaches you would like us to consider in creating products and resources for parents, guardians and other caregivers. Think about the following:
 - What topics do parents, guardians and caregivers need the most?
 - How could We Think Twice materials for parents complement your own programming with youth (e.g., something that youth could take home to engage with their parents as a supplement to your curriculum or other programming)?
 - What kinds of products can help you reach and engage parents?

Resources





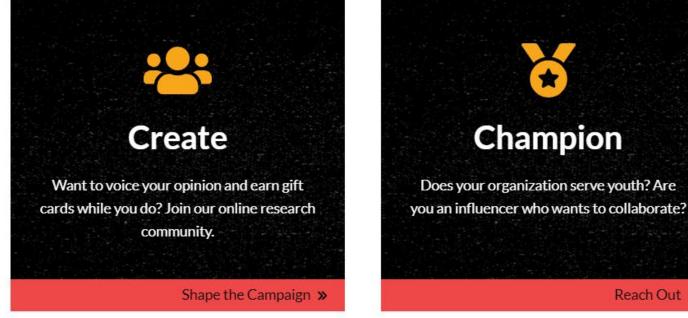




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TEENS

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ORGANIZATIONS

Reach Out »

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Reach out to partner with us: wethinkt@gmail.com Amplify

Are you a parent, caregiver, teacher, coach, or youth mentor? Spread the word about We Think Twice with the teens in your life.

Share our Instagram »

EVERYONE

Share and promote our website and Instagram: www.wethinktwice.org www.instagram.com/weth inktwice/

Questions?

Let's Connect!

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Session Evaluation



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