



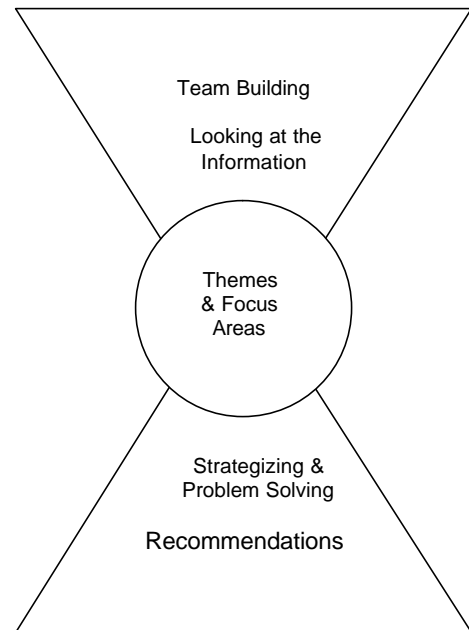
Minnesota YOUTH CAUCUS
July 9-11, 2004
Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN

Caucus Goals:

- provide an opportunity for youth to bring their own voice and experiences to the table,
- examine the information gathered from across the state,
- explore the issues and,
- create a series of recommendations that will be presented to the Commission.

Minnesota Commission on OST Vision: Minnesota (its people, its organizations, its communities and its governments) must ensure that all youth have high quality and widely available opportunities that engage children and youth in their own learning and development during the non-school hours.

- Stage 1: Setting the Stage –
 Team Building & Developing Relationships
- Stage 2: Here's What We Know –
 taking all the fragments of info gathered
 around the state and putting them in one place
- Stage 3: Moving It Forward –
 finding the themes and compelling pieces
 and creating a common "big picture" of focus areas
- Stage 4: Breaking it Down –
 breaking down the big picture and
 doing some strategizing
- Stage 5: Generating Recommendations
- Stage 6: Report at Commissioner's meeting



COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATION

Five commissioners will be invited to meet with youth on Saturday, July 10. Commissioners will participate in facilitated small group discussions with youth. Each group will discuss and problem-solve on one of the five focus areas being addressed by the Commission. The commissioner's role is to listen, ask probing questions, get youth perspective about policies and strategies commissioners are considering, and through dialogue, help youth formulate their ideas.

Schedule: 11:30 a.m. Join Caucus participants for lunch (optional)
 1:00 p.m. If not joining in lunch, arrive in time for 1p.m. orientation
 1:30-4:00 Facilitated group session
 4:00 Join in "fun time" or depart

Invited commissioners will receive more detailed information prior to July 10.

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