

YOUTH AS RESOURCES

ACTION PLANNING

Action planning is a systematic process for:

1. Identifying a problem.
2. Establishing a goal.
3. Assessing obstacles and resources in meeting the goal.
4. Developing a task chart to serve as a guide and monitoring tool.
5. Assessing the outcome for accomplishment, modification, and future planning.

Group action planning facilitates group communication, the utilization of resources, and commitment to goals and objectives. It is based on the fact that combined or collaborative efforts are more comprehensive than individual efforts.

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL GROUP ACTION PLANNING

1. Follow the outlined process for effective planning. It saves time, confusion, and temperaments. **Work smarter, not harder.** Following the structure of action planning may seem time consuming at first, but in the long run will increase the chances of success and continued group productivity. There is no expediency in planning; planning is expediency for success.
2. People support what they help create. Equal and maximum involvement of group members will produce unity and commitment to the action plan and the group itself.

