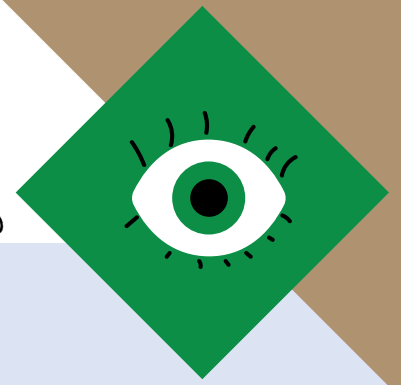


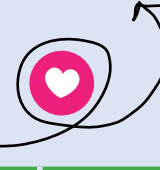
Ignite Summer Toolkit: VISIONING TOOL



These core values (plus a few others) can be found in the Believe It. Build It. Guide!

This 3-STEP Visioning Tool will guide you in articulating a Program Vision that puts youth at the center and anchors your program in research-based core values.

STEP 1: Focus on Core Program Values



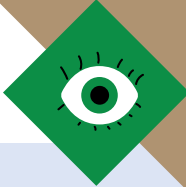
CORE PROGRAM VALUES	VISION	MEASURE
Critical ingredients for a high-quality summer program that helps young people thrive.	What are we doing well? How can we improve? What resources can support this?	What's our goal? How will we know if we've been successful at this?
Youth at the Center Young people are more likely to stay engaged in a program when their ideas and contributions are authentically included. Youth voice, leadership and agency are key.		
Intentional Program Design Incorporate project-based, hands-on experiences that relate to everyday life. The "classroom" can be many spaces — outdoors, in the community, on field trips, or just a simple change of scenery.		
Supportive Relationships & Environment Young people need time and space to develop — places where they can safely fail and try again, explore interests and discover new passions.		
Community & Family Engagement Young people's development is strengthened when many family and community partners work together to provide ideas, experiences and supports that go beyond what the program alone can do.		



STEP 1: Focus on Core Program Values *continued*

CORE PROGRAM VALUES	VISION	MEASURE
<p>Responsiveness to Culture & Identity</p> <p>Young people do best within a supportive environment which recognizes that culture, family and personal history is core to identity formation.</p>		
<p>Partnership</p> <p>When schools and CBOs combine their unique strengths to jointly deliver programs, youth get access to high-quality academics and enrichment, while partners benefit from sharing staff, ideas and costs.</p>		
<p>Continuous Program Improvement</p> <p>Being intentional about setting goals, measuring success, and continuously improving our practices ensures that programs are of the highest quality.</p>		
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STEP 2: State Your Vision



WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER VISION?

Distilling big ideas into an articulate vision for your program can feel overwhelming. Try using the following prompts to help clarify your hopes, dreams and vision for summer programming. Pick and choose the prompts that speak best to your program.

Complete this sentence

We will know we are successful when:

We will help achieve that goal by taking these action steps:

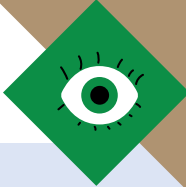
Complete this sentence

We know this work is important because:

Complete this sentence

Our core values are:

We will use these to guide us in achieving these objectives:



STEP 2: State Your Vision *continued*

WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER VISION?

Complete this sentence

At the end of the summer, young people will have had these experiences:

have gained this knowledge:

and developed these tools:

Complete this sentence

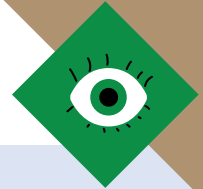
At the end of the summer, young people will know:

will do:

will think:

and will believe:

STEP 2: State Your Vision *continued*



WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER VISION?

Reflect on your responses to the prompts:

What are the big ideas behind your summer program hopes/dreams/vision? How will you get there? What will success look like?

What's Your Summer Program Vision?

Thinking about all the visioning work you completed above, summarize your hopes/dream/vision for summer programming in a few sentences. It doesn't have to be perfect, just try to capture the big ideas that emerged from this process.

That's a GREAT start to a VISION for summer programming!



STEP 3:
Share Your Vision

Share this completed worksheet with staff and reflect on it regularly.

Print a copy and hang it in a visible location, discuss it during staff meetings, screen shot and share it electronically — you get the idea! Keeping your big goals and ideas at the forefront helps ensure your team shares a common vision and is working together to achieve it.