



# P.A.R.T.N.E.R.

## evaluating the effectiveness of youth—adult partnerships

**purpose**

- To check the effectiveness of the group’s work
- To learn from experience
- To reflect on the quality of the partnership relationships

**time** 15 to 30 minutes

**group size** 20 to 30 participants

**materials** Handout: P.A.R.T.N.E.R.

**trainer note:** This exercise can be used at the close of a long meeting, after a project or event, or between meetings to begin planning for the next session. It can be done quickly or used as the basis for a substantive discussion.

### introduction

Depending on the group and setting, this exercise can begin in a number of ways. You could say, “Let’s look at the project we did together this weekend and see how it went,” or “Let’s reflect on the day we’ve spent together in this meeting and see what we can learn for next time.”



### **step one**

Ask participants to read the P.A.R.T.N.E.R. handout and to think about their responses to each question.

### **step two**

Go through each question with the group. Have the participants share their insight, thoughts, and opinions.

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## closure

### overview

Closure is an important element to any training because it provides for self-reflection and group reflection and can help shape new directions or next steps for the partnership. This section provides exercises that will help participants reflect on their training experiences as well as on the effectiveness of their existing partnerships. Equally important, closing exercises offer people an opportunity to share what they have learned with other participants.

### learning objectives

Participants will be able to describe the effect of the training on themselves as individuals, describe the effect of the training on the group or partnership, and identify new information to develop their partnership.