Seminar Description

This seminar examines several strategies for involving young people in organizational development and community change. It considers the changing context of youth participation, models and methods of age-appropriate and culturally-competent practice, roles of youth and adults as citizens and collaborators, obstacles to youth participation and ways of overcoming them, and perspectives on the future of youth and community in a diverse democratic society. Special emphasis will be placed on youth participation in socially disadvantaged and economically disinvested areas.

Seminar Objectives

1. Understand the changing context of youth participation in a diverse democratic society;
2. Analyze major models and methods of age-appropriate and culturally-competent practice;
3. Develop in-depth knowledge of a specific effort of young people creating community change;
4. Assess alternative forms of research as a form of social intervention;
5. Prepare participants for research and teaching careers that involve and develop communities; and
6. Identify problems and issues of youth participation in socially disadvantaged and economically disinvested areas.

Seminar Design

Responsibilities will include readings, participation in discussions, written assignments, a paper assessing young people creating community change, and other learning activities related to course objectives. Community resource persons will be invited to address special topics.
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Seminar Reading List

Perspectives on Youth Participation I


Perspectives on Youth Participation II

http://www.unicef.org/voy/meeting/rig/convsum.html


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