FYI Participant Suggestions:

Youth Empowerment

- Involve youth in the decision making process in the school and community.
- Take youth more seriously.
- Youth want to see change.
- Engage youth as mentors for other youth.
- Have city leaders and youth attend youth leadership meetings.
- Advocate: Continue discussions where people can talk freely (important to both youth and adults).

Youth Leisure and Recreation:

Youth center run by youth, but overseen by adults

- Need a safe and clean facility for youth.
- Need alternative to current support services (location and delivery).

Allow youth to be involved in the planning process of activities

- Need less expensive recreational opportunities, including physical activities.
- Looking for park and recreation involvement to promote these activities.
- Youth would like to see an extended variety and quantity of activities.
- Activities such as dances or concerts would have a positive turnout.
- Use word of mouth and posters to advertise activities to teens.

Youth Education:

- Need for more education on the topics of Anorexia and Depression.
- Need alternative to current drug and alcohol education for teens.
- Want Leadership class in school.
- Need programs such as career day and related classes held at school.
- Need more “real world” preparation in school and possibly through community education classes.