



Kinnect: Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRT) Overview

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MISSION

To build and strengthen kinship connections and inclusive support networks for families, young people, and children

VISION

Young people and families have a sense of belonging, the essential resources, and relationships to thrive.





Timely kinship connections and inclusive support networks



Family search and engagement and kinship support



Support youth in building lifelong connections and legal permanency



Keep youth safe with their families of origin or seek permanency with affirming caregivers



Direct, personalized referrals to services such as food and shelter, childcare, housing, health care, and legal services



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New training, consulting, and program replication branch

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What are Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRTs)?

YCPRTs put youth at the center of important meetings designed to lead to lifelong connections, with the goal of establishing legal permanency.

- Youth actively participate and help to drive the process.
- They invite the important people in their lives to join the meetings.
- During the process, youth have support in building lifelong connections to expedite legal permanency.



YCPRT Goals

Expedite legal
Permanency for
the child

Stimulate
**thinking and
learning** about
new ways
to **accelerate**
Permanency

Identify and
address
systemic barriers
to
timely
Permanency

A Multi-Level Strategy *(3 Types of Goals)*

Micro Level

Professional Case
Consultation



Agency Level

Staff Development
& Learning Lab

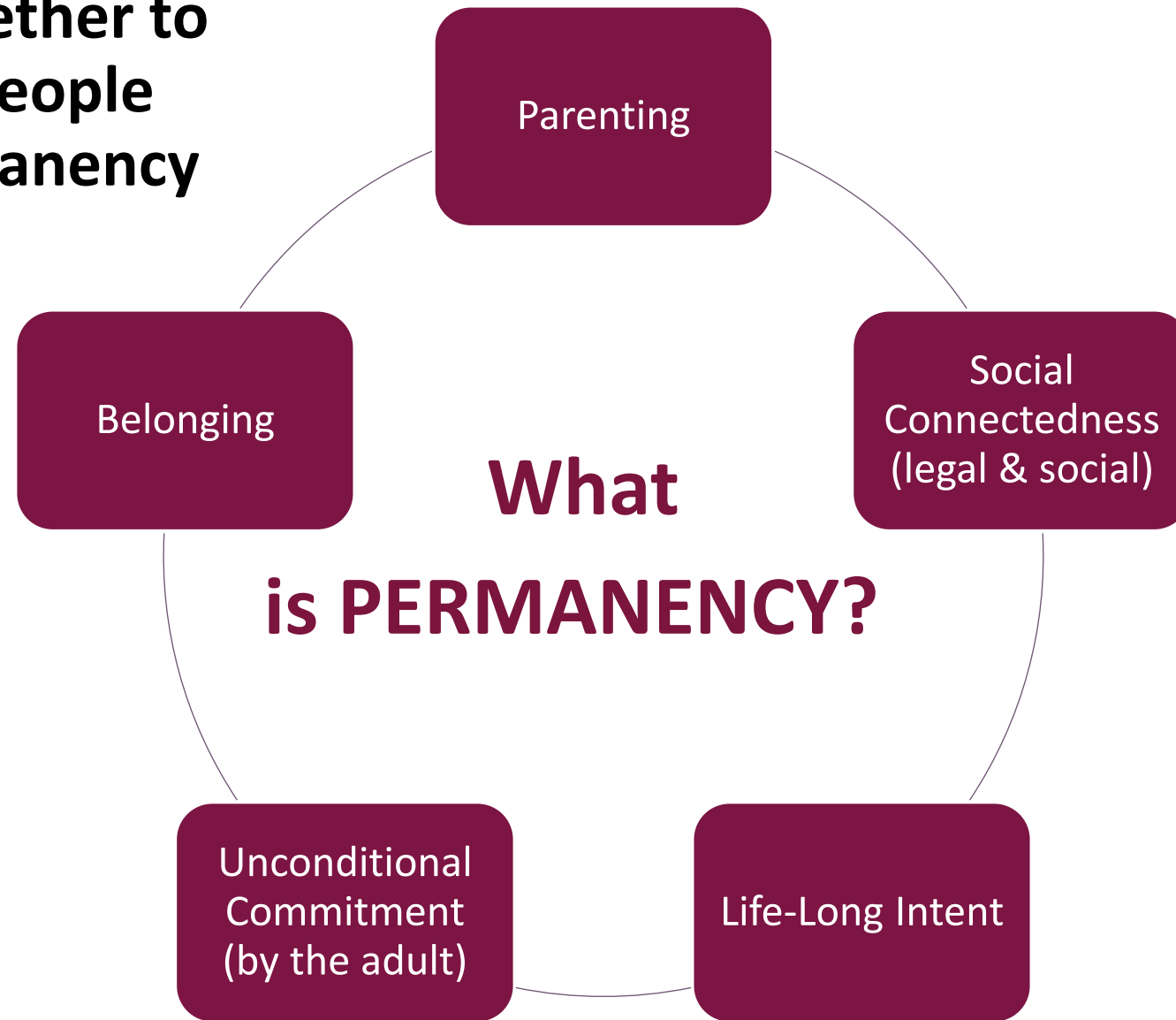


Macro Level

System
Improvements



Let's Work Together to Help Young People Establish Permanency



What Makes YCPRTs Unique?

Structured

In-depth

Non-
Blaming

Relentless

What do youth have to say about YCPRTs?

Youth felt like Facilitators show a lot of respect for their wishes and opinions.

Some respect



Youth reported high satisfaction with the YCPRT meetings.

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied



Youth found Facilitators easy to understand.

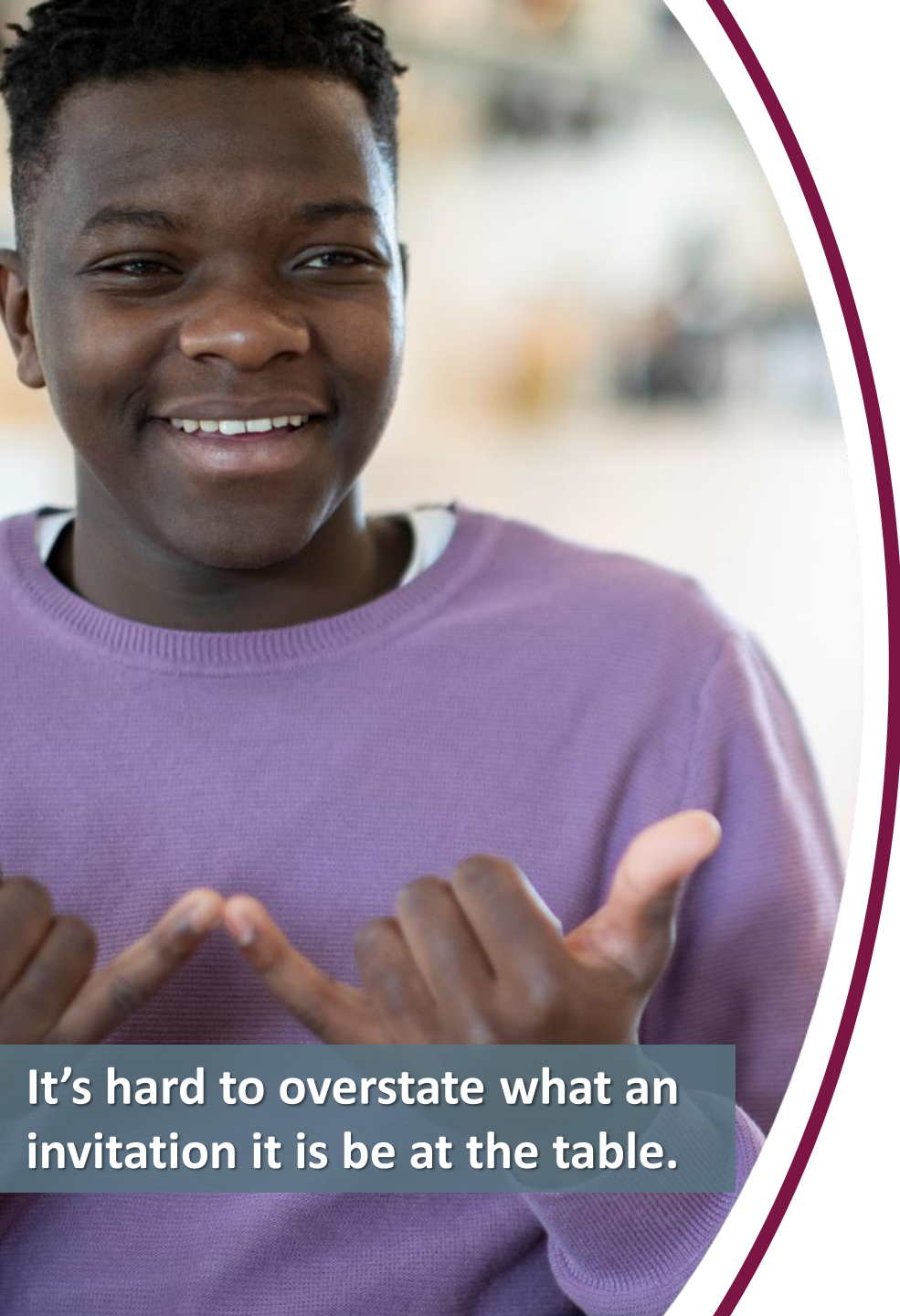
Somewhat easy



Youth felt like they could talk about things that are important to them at YCPRT.

Some of the time





Welcome to the Table

Youth

YCPRTs are about making sure youth have the people -the relationships - that they want and need in their life. Young people deserve to never experience “aging out” of anything.

Supports

Make sure the youth’s voice drives the direction of the conversation. They are valued. They are trusted. *Adult Supporters* do not need to be a permanency option.

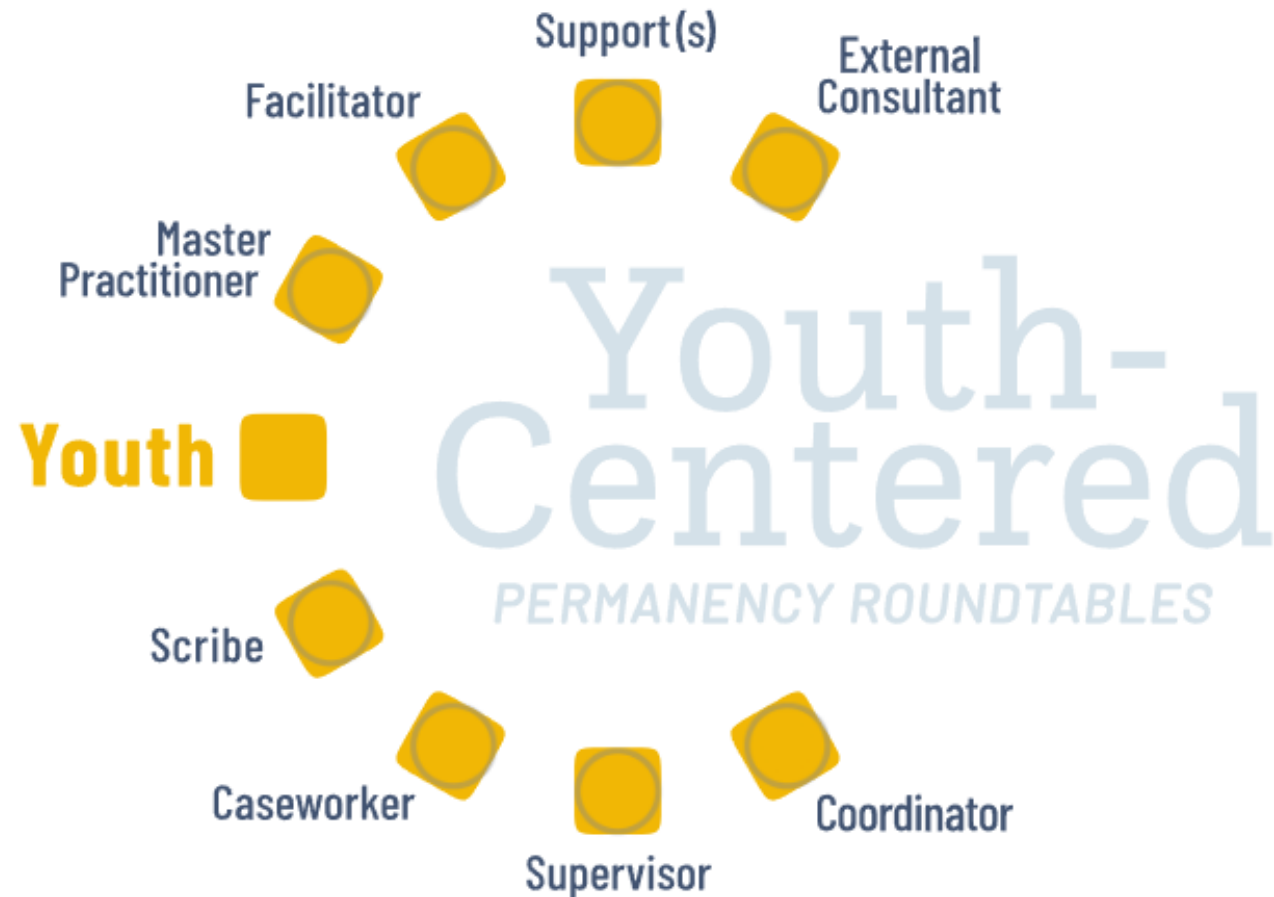
Professionals

Several key participants make each YCPRT possible. Youth are at the head of the table. However, everybody at the permanency roundtable is essential to the program working.

It’s hard to overstate what an invitation it is to be at the table.



Youth: At the Center of the Process





Y^{PRT} Strategies

- Involve youth & their supports
- Engage ALL family & find fathers
- Facilitate connections to build network
- Breakdown myths & barriers
- Unpack the “No”
- Generate creative ideas (e.g.: circle back)

Challenge Values, Beliefs, and Attitudes





Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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