



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIP

(Youth or Adult submission)

What 4-H volunteer leader has excelled with youth-adult partnerships and why?

Research shows that the relational quality between the 4-H leader and member is connected to positive youth development. Developmental partnerships between youth and adults are an important aspect of the 4-H program. As you respond to the question above, consider that research has revealed 5 dimensions of developmental relationships:

1. **Expressing care**, through listening, warmth, and depend-ability;
2. **Challenging growth** by holding youth accountable, expecting them to do their best, and helping them reflect on failures;
3. **Providing support** by empowering and advocating for youth as well as helping them navigate situations and systems, and setting appropriate boundaries;
4. **Sharing power** through inclusion, respect, and collaboration;
5. **Expanding possibilities** by exposing youth to new ideas and opportunities and connecting them to others who can help them reach their goals.

For more information about Fostering Developmental Partnerships:

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