

Tips for Connecting Elders and Youth

Review your plan of activity with the Elder and be ready to make adjustments based on their input and sharing what you know about working with youth

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Create time in the activity for teaching at the Elder's pace and playing at the youth's pace

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Ask the youth to listen to the Elders first and ask questions at the end of an activity

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Debrief with youth after the end of the activity the Elder is leading

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Invite the Elder to stay for as little or as long as they desire and let them know at what time you expect certain activities to be taking place (eg. instructions, lunch, storytelling)

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Compensate the Elders for their time, they are **PROFESSIONALS** at what they know and do

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Always **thank** the Elders for their participation and model to youth how to give thanks

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