

Gaps / Challenges

- Safety
- Transportation
- Language
- Parental Investment
- Connection to people in most need
- Understanding youth perspective
- Lack of relevance
- Age specific programs
- Peer-to-peer support

Obstacles (for youth)

- Parent engagement
- Cultural expectation – Hispanic, American, Gender
- Finances
- “Weaning” support
- Technology addiction
- Peer pressure / desire to fit
- Lack of mentoring – positive, male
- Jobs vs volunteering

Partners (missing & needed)

- Idaho Youth Ranch
- Youth
- Families
- Employers / Businesses
- Policy makers (law makers, organizations)
- Mental health providers
- RSVP (Retired groups)
- Government agencies
- NPO
- Faith-based organizations
- SCORE (retired executives)
- Higher education
- “Neighborhood” leaders
- Funders

Opportunities

- Engage youth before trouble starts
- Survey wants / desires
- Engage parents / families outside of the school setting
- Technology (learning new skills)
- Generational mentoring
- Celebrate student success – recognition of effort

What do we want to provide for youth in our region?

- Supporting parents with childcare
- Peer-to-peer mentoring
- Transportation
- Access/closer services
- Scholarships
- Hope, belonging, empowerment
- Community connection
- Mentorships
- Jobs / careers
- Healthy environment
- Opportunity for participation
- Youth voice