



Consult 4 Kids publishes “Best Practices” each month to share what we’ve learned about high-quality, youth-centered programs.

Review agreements with youth daily.

Routinely practice emergency drills, taking care to keep your practice in perspective.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. All of the stakeholders in your program help to make the program environment safe whether they are in the program all afternoon or only for small doses of time. All of us are modeling behavior for youth-let's be sure we are modeling what we want them to replicate.

Schedule Opening activities that help youth transition from the school day to after-school. Be sure to include time for them to unwind and decompress as well as connect with their peers.