Community Connections & Stability

Link youth to their communities early and often.

FRAME WORKS

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HOW TO USE *CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITIES* FRAME

- Start by talking about community to help audiences relate.
- Use *Community Stability* to start a conversation about how connections benefit both young people and their communities.
- Pair with the *Plugged In* metaphor to explain what connections to communities look like.
- Combine with the *Steep Climb* metaphor to talk about how communities provide the resources Opportunity Youth.
- Link to the *Discovery* metaphor and explain how engagement with communities leads to healthy development.
- Pair with the *Roots* metaphor to talk about environments that help relationships grow and thrive.

EXAMPLES:

- "**Strong, stable communities** give young people the stability they need, allowing them to contribute to their communities."
- "Young people who aren't in school or at work need to be connected to **resources in their communities**, such as mentoring and job training programs."
- "**Community-led programs** help Opportunity Youth navigate the sometimes difficult path to achieving their goals."
- "Strong, ongoing relationships with **supportive adults in their communities** help young people flourish."