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ASSET BASED COMMUNITY YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

with

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Our Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome –Agenda – Learning Agreements
- 9:30 Leadership
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 ABCD and Youth Power
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:15 Community Assets – Tools for Youth Leadership Development
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Applications
- 4:00 Adjourn

Leadership

1. Quick write – what do I think leadership is?
2. Share
3. Gallery walk
4. Adjust
5. Share in fours – identify top two most important qualities

Another Perspective

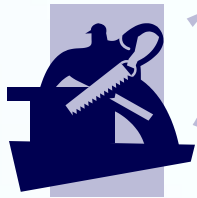


Connector Leaders

- Community Members who have trust, influence and a following
- They are “gift-centered” people. They see the “full half” in everyone.
- They believe in the people in their community.
- Have a variety of relationships with people from one or more circles
- Their relationships are strong enough to bring people together in a way that creates opportunities for people to act (this differentiates them from political leaders or charismatic leaders)
- They have the ability to open doors for you
- They are people who get joy from connecting, convening and inviting people to come together. They know the power in joining people together.

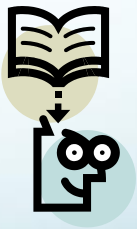
Hand, Head, Heart

Gifts of ...



The Hand - Things I can do, make,
fix, create

The Head - Things I know something about
or am interested in learning



The Heart - my passions, cares,
concerns

Basic ABCD Findings

- In every story, neighbors knew about the **local assets**.
- Successful neighborhood action was the result of assets that were not well connected being **connected**.
- To connect assets there was a **connector** -- i.e. individuals, associations or local institutions – with relationships

Six Asset Areas



Main Points of ABCD.

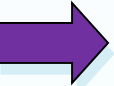
- Asset Based
- Relationship Driven
- Locally Focused
- Inclusive

Paradigm Change Regarding Young Men and Women

Problem 

Client 

Recipient 

At risk population to be dealt with 

Tomorrow's Leaders 

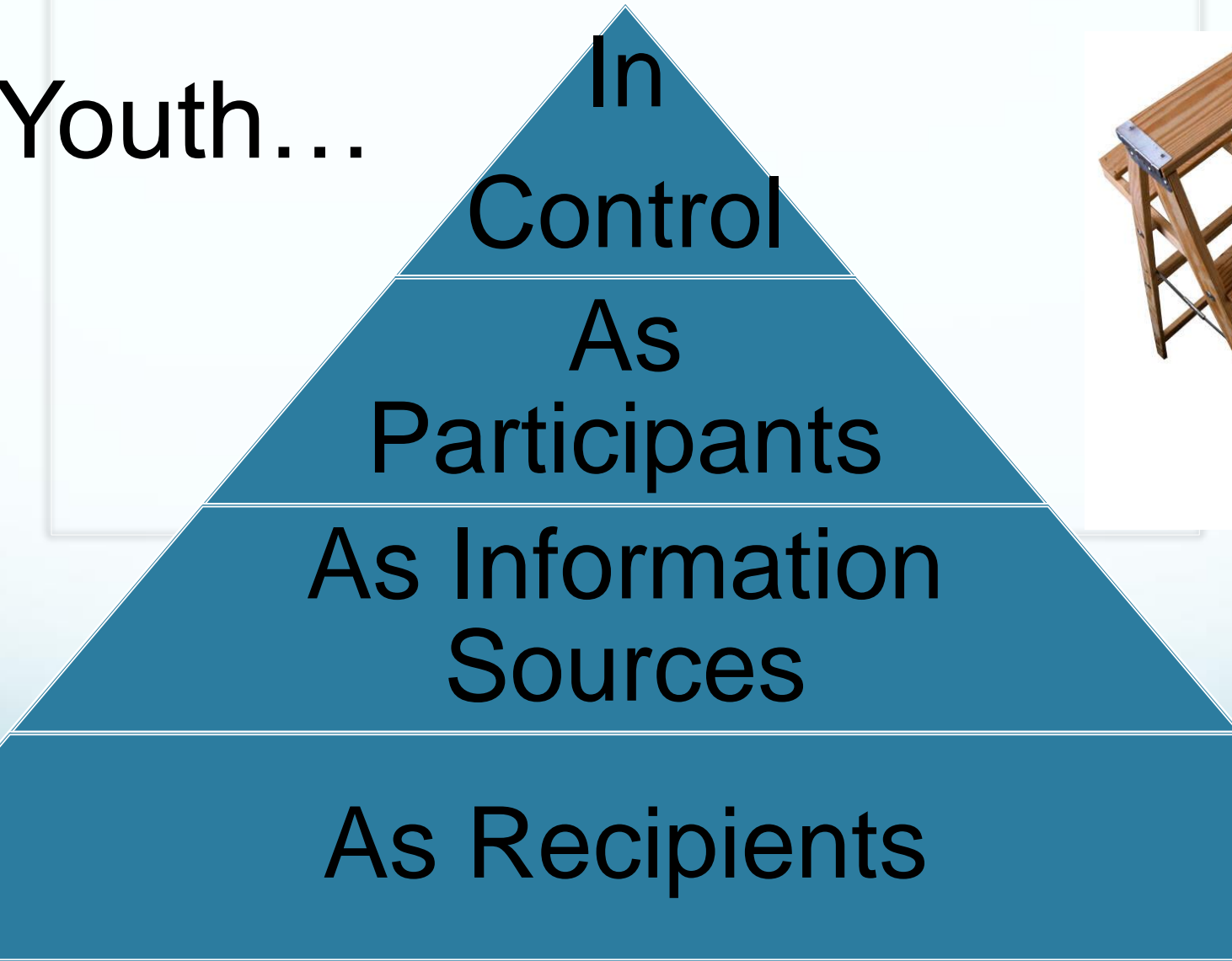
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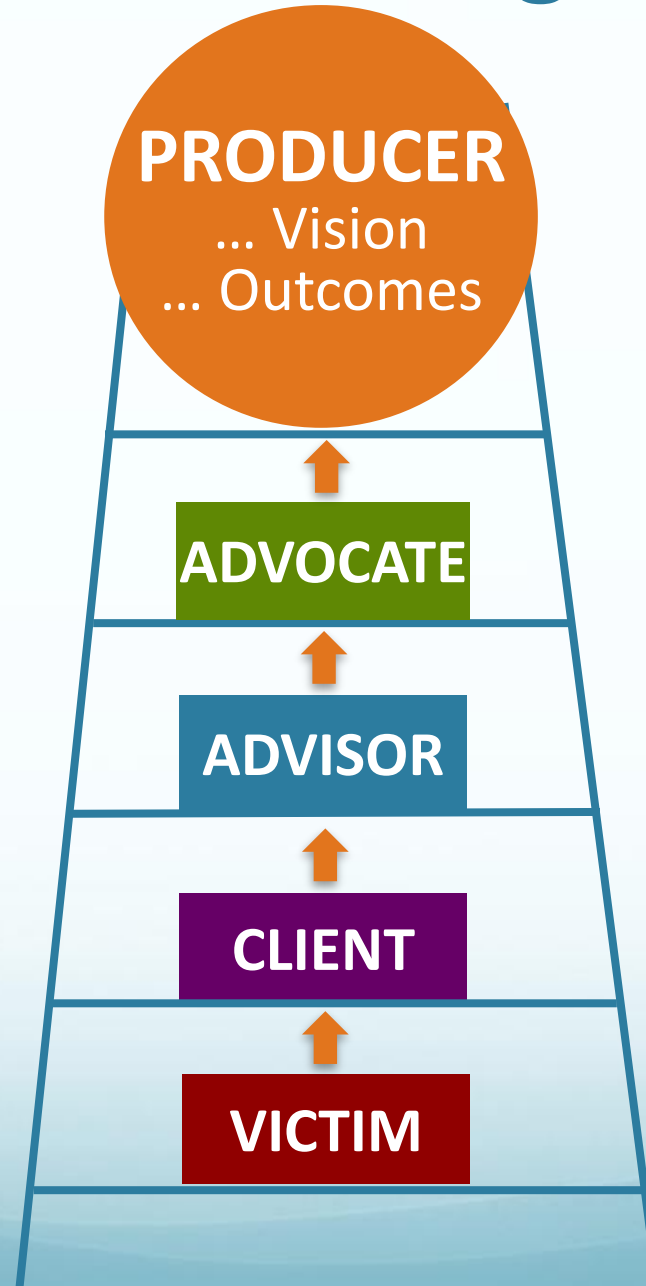
Problem	➔	Problem Solver
Client	➔	Change Maker
Recipient	➔	Co-Participant
At risk population to be dealt with	➔	Leadership asset to be cultivated
Tomorrow's Leaders	➔	Part of today's Leadership team
Adult in the making	➔	A citizen today

Youth power ladder

Youth...



Citizen Power Progression



Roles organizations can play

- Convener
- Enabler/Facilitator
- Resource provider
- Partner/Advocate
- Participant/recruiter

