Youth experience physically and emotionally safe, healthy and developmentally appropriate learning environments.

Youth benefit from the positive relationships and interactions that are promoted, developed, nurtured and maintained by the program staff and volunteers.

Youth experience a variety of fun and stimulating opportunities for engagement and learning that support positive physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.

Youth thrive in the program regardless of their background, including but not limited to race, color, religion, sex, income level, national origin, physical, mental and learning ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression.

Youth benefit when families, schools and communities are actively engaged in program development and implementation.

Youth benefit from effective leadership, strong program management and sound fiscal management.

Youth benefit from continuous quality improvement systems that include measurable goals aligned with children, youth and family needs.

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