

Tips for Teens Working with Adults



Working in teams with powerful and influential adults who are used to being the leaders can be a bit tricky.

You'll want to have a positive relationship with the adults that will help you promote the Under YOUR Influence Web site.

When you recruit adults to help, you will want to describe their roles. Here are some effective tips for working with adult team members.

- 1. Set clear expectations about what their roles are.** Do you want them to act as advisers or coordinators? Do you want them to take a lead role in promotion, or do you want them to simply support your efforts?
- 2. Keep them informed.** Communication is the key to building good working relationships.
- 3. Teach them the basics of how you wish to be treated.**
- 4. Ask for what you want.**
- 5. Acknowledge their contributions.** Thank them for what they do, and make sure that they know you appreciate their help.
- 6. Utilize their expertise, power, influence, and contacts.** Remember that adults want to feel useful, too.
- 7. Treat them with the same respect that you want from them.**
- 8. Be honest. It's OK to disagree.**