

Worksheet: Framework for Understanding Adulthood

Manifestations of Adulthood	Youth Responses	Long-term Effect on Youth	Alternative Behavior
<p>Dysfunctional Rescuing – helping young people on the assumption that they cannot help themselves, or helping youth in a way that limits their ability to help themselves. <i>Example:</i></p>			
<p>Blaming the Victim – attributing the behavioral problems of young people solely to the youth themselves, without considering that many young people have grown up in poverty, in dangerous neighborhoods, in inferior schools, and among adults who don't care about them. <i>Example:</i></p>			
<p>Avoidance of Contact - lack of regular social or professional contact with young people, and lack of effort to learn about youth and the environments in which they live. <i>Example:</i></p>			
<p>Denial of Distinctiveness of Youth Culture - age and cultural differences are assumed to be merely superficial. Often associated with "age-blind" or "color-blind" approaches. <i>Example:</i></p>			
<p>Denial of Political Significance of Adulthood - lack of understanding or denial of the social, political, and economic realities of young people. <i>Example:</i></p>			

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