Increasing Level of Youth Participation

	"FOR" YOUTH			"WITH" YOUTH	
	INFORM	**CONSULT**	**INVOLVE/ENGAGE**	**COLLABORATE**	**EMPOWER**
Youth Participation Goal	To **provide youth with information** to help them understand the policy, systems and environmental (PSE) factors	To **obtain youth feedback** on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To **work directly with youth** to ensure that youth concerns are understood and considered.	To **partner with youth in each part of the planning process** including the development of alternatives and identification of priority strategies.	To place **final decision-making in the hands of youth.**
Promise to Youth	HEAL Coalition will keep you informed.	HEAL Coalition will listen to concerns and goals, and provide feedback on how youth input has influenced decisions.	HEAL Coalition will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed.	HEAL Coalition will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating strategies and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions as much as possible.	Elected officials and other decision makers will respond to citizen action.
Examples of Youth Participation	• Fact sheets and websites • Open houses and health fairs • Physical activity and nutrition classes	• Youth feedback and comments • Surveys • Focus groups • Meetings	• Workshops • Key informant interviews • Youth led data collection, presentations, and advocacy	• Youth participating in HEAL coalition, working groups and action committees • Youth give feedback on survey questions designed by adults	• Youth-lead HEAL coalition, working groups and action committees • Advocacy and lobbying • Youth design the study, collect data, report findings, recommend and implement change • Youth are peer trainers