

FIND SOMEONE WHO...

NAME:

...feels more comfortable talking to children than to teens	
...has raised a teenager	
...can name something they liked to do as a teen that they still like	
...can recall a recent positive interaction with a teenager	
...can name 2 things that are hard about <b>being</b> a teen	
...can name 2 things that are hard about <b>working with</b> teens	
...can name 2 things that are enjoyable about <b>working with</b> teens	

YOUTH-FRIENDLY BEHAVIORS

1. Discusses with youth what information they share will be kept **private**.
2. Provides and/or supports **fair treatment** and equal opportunity for ALL youth.
3. **Listens to** and objectively considers what youth have to say.
4. **Accommodates needs** of individual youth (tardiness, bringing a friend along, etc.).
5. Uses **positive body language** and an approachable, warm tone in communicating with youth.
6. Patiently **helps** youth **navigate** referrals and any other **systems** that may be challenging.
7. Communicates **clearly** with youth (avoids jargon, etc.).
8. Uses sensitivity, maintains neutral language and body language, and **withholds judgment** when discussing things like sexual health, substance use, interpersonal violence, sexual orientation, gender and personal expression, and mental health with youth.