

## Benefits to the participant



Exploring your thoughts
Learning the skills of a Team Community & problem-solving
Getting to know other participants
Exploring your value system
Learning to use thinking skill tools
Reporting and presenting your thoughts to others
Having fun
Bring back to your community new tools for working together

- Why are we all here?
  - Participation in a team-based, collaborative problem solving methodology
  - The PA mission and how it relates to this program
  - We are here to help make the experience a rewarding one (guide, support, answer questions, encourage, facilitate)
- What can you expect from participation
  - Time in weekly meetings (typically 1-2 hours each week, but the team decides)
  - Time outside of team meetings (for some independent learning and research on problem area, pre-reading on methodology, familiarization with process and templates, etc.)
  - Overall schedule and expected duration
  - Learning, fulfillment, meaning, and fun!
- What you can expect to get out of this? ... Consider what motivates you



- Giving back to the community (sharing wisdom and imparting skills)
  - Creative thinking and mental stimulation (kind of like work but without the pressure)
  - Making an impact (practical results, even in small ways)
  - Camaraderie and relationships (working as a team with a common mission)
  - Making new connections
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- PA methodology high-level overview
    - Provide the initial context of the process flow and steps
    - How it maps to the expected schedule
  - What's important to remember
    - Facilitated to provide help, but designed to be self-guided
    - We need your input to improve the process for the next group
    - Practical outcomes and even small progress on real problems is possible!
    - Team is community ... community is what we make it
  - How you may help this grow
    - Continue on in another group and help as a facilitator
    - Extend to other teams and communities
    - Support future PA plans to connect with youth (support them, build intergenerational community ties, and help bridge the "wisdom gap")
    - Enlist your friends, add to your group, improve your community!

