

## Quality Practice Checklists

### 11. Building the Relationships and Networks of Participants

*This list comes from a full set that was originally printed in 'A Guide to Effective Practice for Mentoring Young People', 2007, Office for Youth, Department of Planning & Community Development'*

#### Key Points

Mentoring meetings where mentees, mentors, staff and other volunteers attend are an important way to develop trusting relationships and networks. These forums:

- Provide an opportunity for everyone to help develop and improve the program and foster a sense of ownership and belonging
- Need to be held in a safe, comfortable location
- Should involve a range of activities and opportunities
- Should encourage the attendance of mentors and mentees; however, the personal circumstances, particularly of the young person need to be considered, so attendance should not be compulsory

#### Checklist

- Planning sessions involving participants to determine the types of activities/events and regularity
- A range of events to meet needs/interests of participants e.g. skill building, field trips, social functions, sporting events, community activities
- A calendar of events developed and made available to participants
- Feedback process e.g. discussion session and/or evaluation sheet to assess participant satisfaction