

Quality Practice Checklists

13. Acknowledging and Supporting Contributions

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'

Acknowledging and supporting the contributions of participants:

- Keeps mentors and mentees engaged in the program, not just the relationship
- Provides opportunities for sharing experiences and learnings between participants and contributes to continuous improvement of the program
- Provides opportunities for capturing and documenting successes as part of program evaluation
- Helps you to promote and advocate your mentoring program to your community, potential mentors and mentees, partners, sponsors and funding bodies
- Assists mentors and mentees to share experiences and build networks

Checklist

- A formal kick-off event
- Ongoing peer support groups for volunteers, participants, and others
- Forums with key stakeholders for discussion of issues and information dissemination
- Networking activities with appropriate organisations
- Social gatherings of different groups as needed
- Annual recognition and appreciation event
- Awards for outstanding contributions and achievements
- Newsletters or other mailings to program participants, supporters, and funding bodies
- Media campaigns to promote positive stories