

## **Youth Advisory**

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#### **What we like about attorneys**

- they keep things confidential
- when the caseworker is not doing something the attorney will call them
- my lawyer came to school and helped with a conflict
- she has always been by my side and she asks what she can do
- he came and got me when I got arrested and was not judgemental
- interested in my life
- several youth say their lawyer is doing a good job for them

#### **Advice to our attorneys**

- don't send your assistant to meet with me all the time
- have regular contact
- call if you need to cancel and then reschedule
- my attorney told me what he was going to say but never asked me what I wanted him to say
- I didn't get to go to Court hearings because of my parents situation, maybe I could have attended part of the hearings
- don't make us come to your office all the time, come to our house

#### **What we like about our judges**

- like my judge because he's tough on me
- like that my judge looks out for the best for him
- no matter what she said or did the judge was always on their side
- judge hears directly from me
- having a conversation with the judge
- my judge let me go to Korea and Japan
- several youth like always having the same Judge
- several youth like the judge to ask them to answer specific questions such as how is school going ( instead of "do you have anything to say?")
- youth like specific direction from the Judge

#### **Suggestions for Judges**

- smile more
- all said Judges seem too intense
- case numbers are too long
- if the youth needs something to get done, Judges should help by ordering it
- Judges need to put their weight behind contacting relatives, siblings and tribes for each youth