

Youth Ministry Arenas Assessment

The Youth Ministry Arenas Assessment tool provides vital insights about your church's effectiveness with young people.

1. My church attracts teenagers
2. Teenagers participate in small group Bible study
3. Teenagers learn to develop spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible reading, etc.)
4. Teenagers serve in leadership roles within the youth group
5. Teenagers train for leadership positions in the youth group
6. Teenagers train to learn how to share the gospel
7. Teenagers in my church have the opportunity to be disciplined/mentored by an adult one-on-one (or one-on-two)
8. Adult leaders in my youth ministry are trained to disciple teenagers
9. My church has a clear discipleship process for teenagers
10. Volunteers are encouraged to contact students outside of church (phone calls, text messages, attend ballgames, etc.)
11. Families with teenagers have opportunities to serve together in missions or ministry
12. Parents of teenagers at my church meet together to pray for and support one another
13. Family-focused fellowships/activities for teenagers and parents take place at my church
14. Older adults disciple/mentor parents of teenagers
15. Single parents of teenagers are welcomed and cared for
16. Parenting and discipleship resources are provided for parents of teenagers
17. My church knows how to help families and teenagers talk together about faith
18. I connect with parents of teenagers on a weekly basis (face-to-face, text-message, phone call, email, newsletter, etc.)
19. Adult volunteers at my church engage with parents of teenagers in their small group
20. Parents of teenagers know they are the primary influencers of the faith in their student
21. Teenagers participate in mission work in the local community alongside members of the congregation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

- 22. Teenagers are encouraged to use their spiritual gifts
- 23. Teenagers have ministry opportunities to serve my local congregation
- 24. Teenagers personally know adults outside of the youth ministry
- 25. My church is welcoming to non-Christian teenagers
- 26. I help immerse teenagers in the full life and ministry of the congregation
- 27. Teenagers participate in weekly intergenerational worship
- 28. Adult volunteers at my church help teens feel connected to the congregation
- 29. Teenagers feel the pastor, staff, and adults are approachable
- 30. I help connect teenagers to older and younger members at my church

Scoring the Youth Ministry Arenas Assessment

Convert responses using the following:

1 = Strongly Disagree

2 = Disagree

3 = Agree

4 = Strongly Agree

Directions: Transfer the numbers to this grid. Add each column and divide by the number of items in the column to find the Score

Teenagers in the Youth Group	Teenagers in Families	Teenagers in the Congregation
1.	11.	21.
2.	12.	22.
3.	13.	23.
4.	14.	24.
5.	15.	25.
6.	16.	26.
7.	17.	27.
8.	18.	28.
9.	19.	29.
10.	20.	30.
Total:	Total:	Total:
Divide by 40	Divide by 40	Divide by 40
Score:	Score:	Score:

Sample Scoring
 Total: 30
 $30/40=0.75$
 Score: 75

For a Total Overall Composite Score, add the individual scores together and divide by 3.

The Youth Ministry Arenas Assessment produces a total score and three sub-scores (Teenagers in the Youth Group, Teenagers in Families, Teenagers in the Congregation). Scores on the YMAA are ranked high (80-100), medium (60-79), and low (59 and below). These scores translate to exemplary (high), average (medium), and struggling youth ministries.