

Celebrate Your Successes

As your campaign is underway and you meet one or more of your goals, be sure to take time and celebrate your success! It is crucial that we take time to celebrate the milestones that we achieve towards our long-term goals of eliminating the prosecution of youth in adult criminal court. Here are some ideas on how to celebrate:

(1) Thank everyone involved

Call, write a short email or send a hand written note to everyone who was part of achieving your goal! A thank you makes people feel appreciated for their contributions and keeps people engaged and enthusiastic in the work!

(2) Publicly recognize your supporters

Consider listing your supporters on an email, newsletter or website thanking them for their contributions. Write a short article about the effort and include brief quotes from some of the individuals involved.

(3) Include a celebration in a regularly scheduled activity

If your coalition meets monthly, include a celebration as part of the agenda. Bring a cake, cupcakes or other snacks. Create space for participants to share stories of the success and recognize people for their efforts.

(4) Host a celebration

It is crucial that we actually take time to celebrate success! We are sometimes so caught up in the work that we keep going without taking time to 'smell the roses' so to speak. Planning a celebration can be fun and engaging and an opportunity to put your creativity to work.

(5) Document your success

Take a photo of the celebration, the cake, and the people involved! Or video tape the event. Keep a list of people that were part of the effort and what they contributed. If time permits, write a short report capturing the success. These photos, videos and documents will help you to remember what you've achieved and also get you through the difficult moments when it feels like success is far away.

