

## 5 Things to Know About Civic Engagement

Directions: Read through each question and consider how you demonstrate civic engagement in your community.

- 1. What is civic engagement?**
  - Working to make a positive difference in your community.
- 2. What are the four components of civic engagement?**
  - Civic action: volunteering, service learning, or other forms of community involvement.
  - Civic commitment: making community change your responsibility.
  - Civic skills: resources that help you become involved in the community, including political knowledge, working with elected officials on a policy, and addressing community issues.
  - Social cohesion: feeling a sense of belonging and trust in the community.
- 3. What are some benefits of civic engagement?**
  - Become more informed of your community's events.
  - Become aware of your community's issues and strengths.
- 4. What are the values of civic engagement?**
  - Desire to make a difference and solve a social or political problem.
  - Teamwork with community members of all backgrounds.
  - Promote community health and well-being.
  - Learn about your community's policies, procedures, and people.
- 5. How does EYPC promote civic engagement?**
  - Learn the skills to enact policy change.
  - Select a policy based on a community need.
  - Network with elected officials, policy advocates, and community members.
  - Learn about the community through data collection.
  - Have your voice heard and feel empowered to help your community.