

## 12 Steps to Successfully Start a Take the Lead!<sup>®</sup> Program

STEP 1		Gain endorsement from your Community Organization and/or School.
STEP 2		<b>Leadership Coach Training.</b> Ensure commitment of adult volunteer to attend a Take the Lead! <sup>®</sup> Leadership Coach workshop. Contact SPRA for details on upcoming Take the Lead! <sup>®</sup> Leadership Coach workshops.
STEP 3		<ul> <li>Determine the Logistics</li> <li>Resources and space available for the program (indoor/outdoor play area, equipment/supplies)</li> <li>Times and dates of the program</li> <li>Funding requirements (consider training and program supplies)</li> <li>Number of youth to be trained as Youth Leaders</li> <li>Participants who will be led by the Youth Leaders (ages, interests, abilities)</li> </ul>
STEP 4		<b>Organize a Take the Lead!® Youth Leader workshop</b> . This can be facilitated by your trained Take the Lead!® Leadership coach or a Take the Lead! Trainer. Confirm training SPRA and order resources.
STEP 5		<b>Register your school or community organization</b> as a Take the Lead! <sup>®</sup> host site with SPRA.
STEP 6	$\rightarrow$	Youth Leader Training. Have youth attend Youth Leadership Training workshop.
STEP 7		<b>Implement the Program.</b> Work with the youth leaders to set up and deliver the program.
STEP 8		<b>Promote the Program.</b> Focus on promoting this program. This will most likely be new to your location and will require advertising.
STEP 9		<b>Support Youth Leaders.</b> Set up ongoing meetings with youth leaders to assist with program planning, promotion, problem solving and the celebrations of success.
STEP 10		<b>Offer Mid-Tern Training.</b> Leadership Coaches and Trainers are accessible for mid- term training to evaluate your program at the half way mark. To help the Youth Leaders with any issues or questions they may have regarding the program. *Optional
STEP 11	$\rightarrow$	Evaluate.
STEP 12		<b>Enjoy the process!</b> Your time and commitment to this program and to children and youth is a valuable investment in the individual lives of the participants and your community as a whole.