Teen Services During the Pandemic

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Hello!

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Before We Get Started

Some Notes on Using Zoom

Today we will use the following features:

- Video
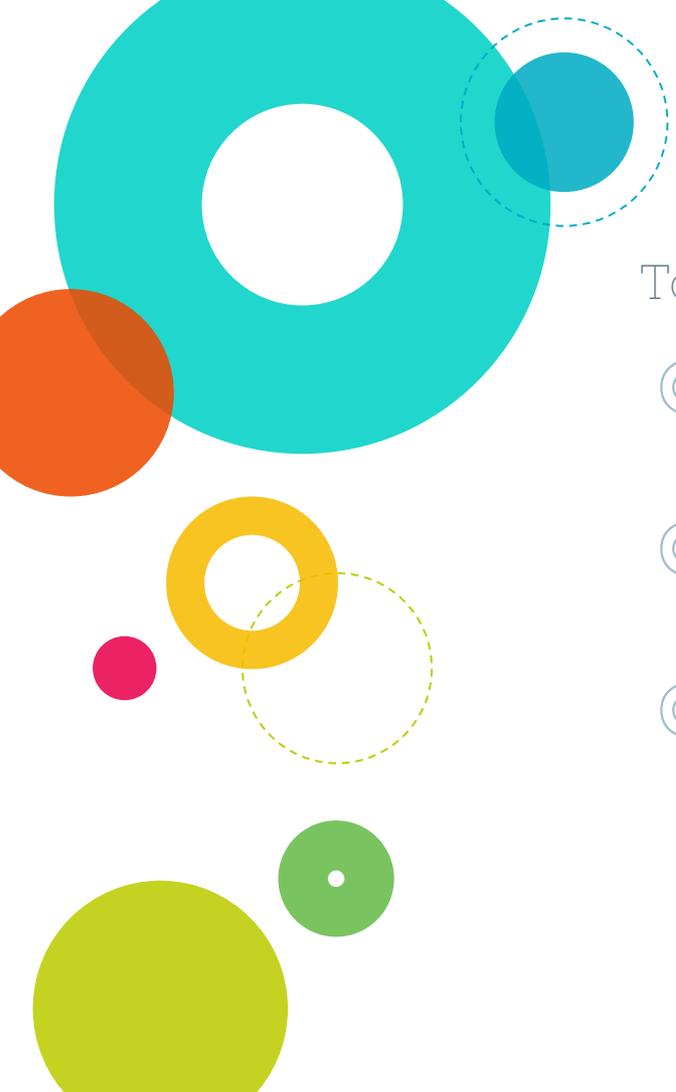- Audio
- Chat
- Raise hands

Agreements

Be present

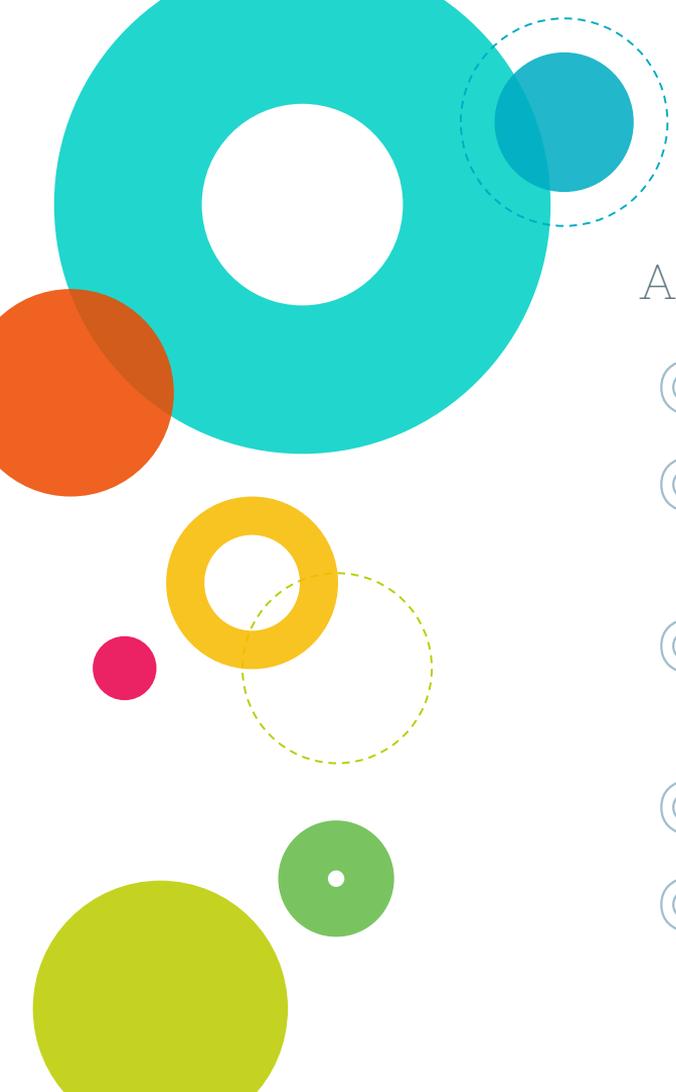Accept that some things are outside your control

Be willing to try tech that is new

Step up and step back

Today's Objectives

◎ Deepen connections between teen services library folks in Idaho

◎ Learn ways to serve teens during the pandemic
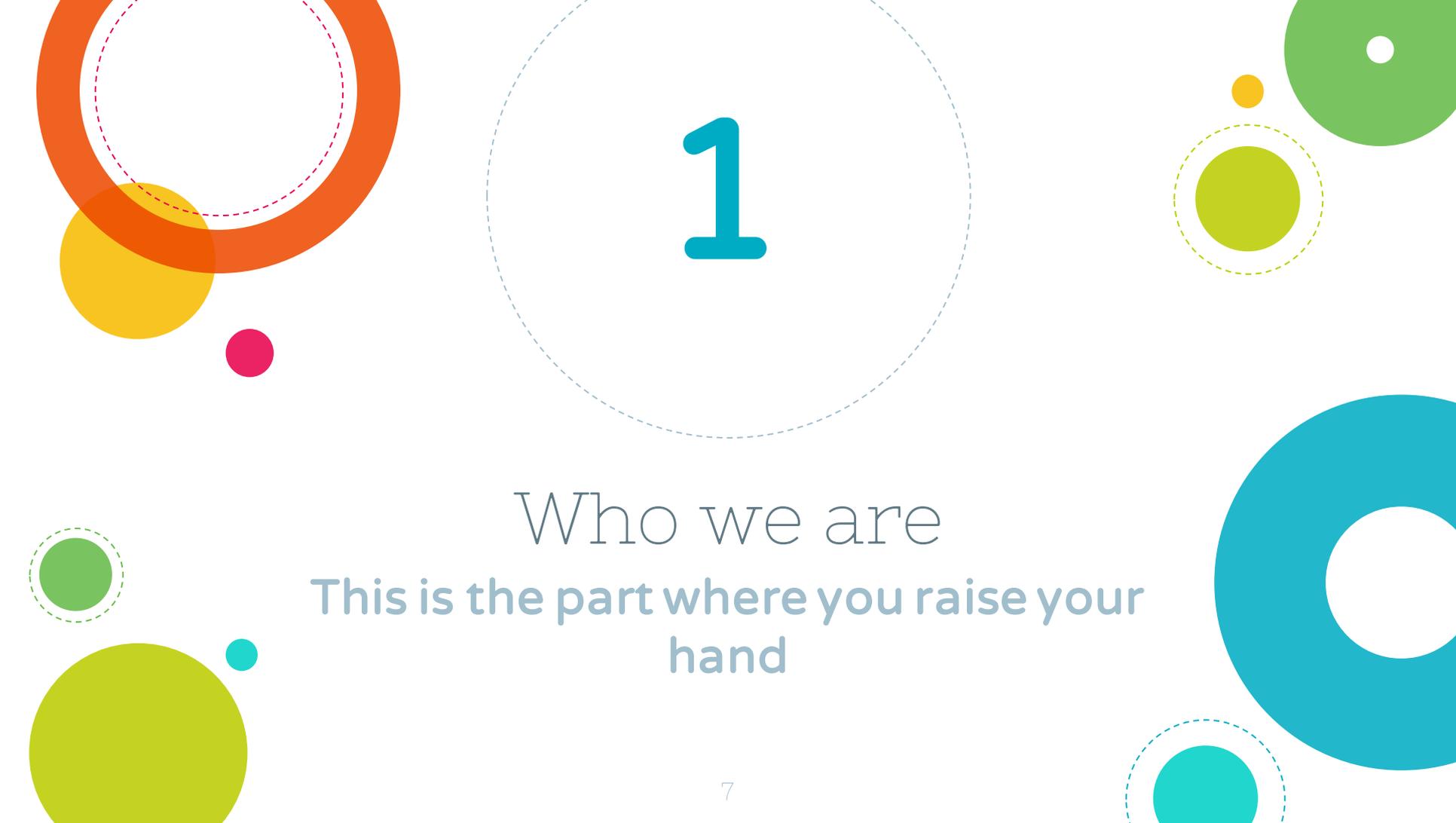
◎ Get at least one new idea for a teen program or service

Agenda

◎ Who is here?

◎ How is COVID-19 affecting teens in Idaho?

◎ How are libraries staying connected with teens?

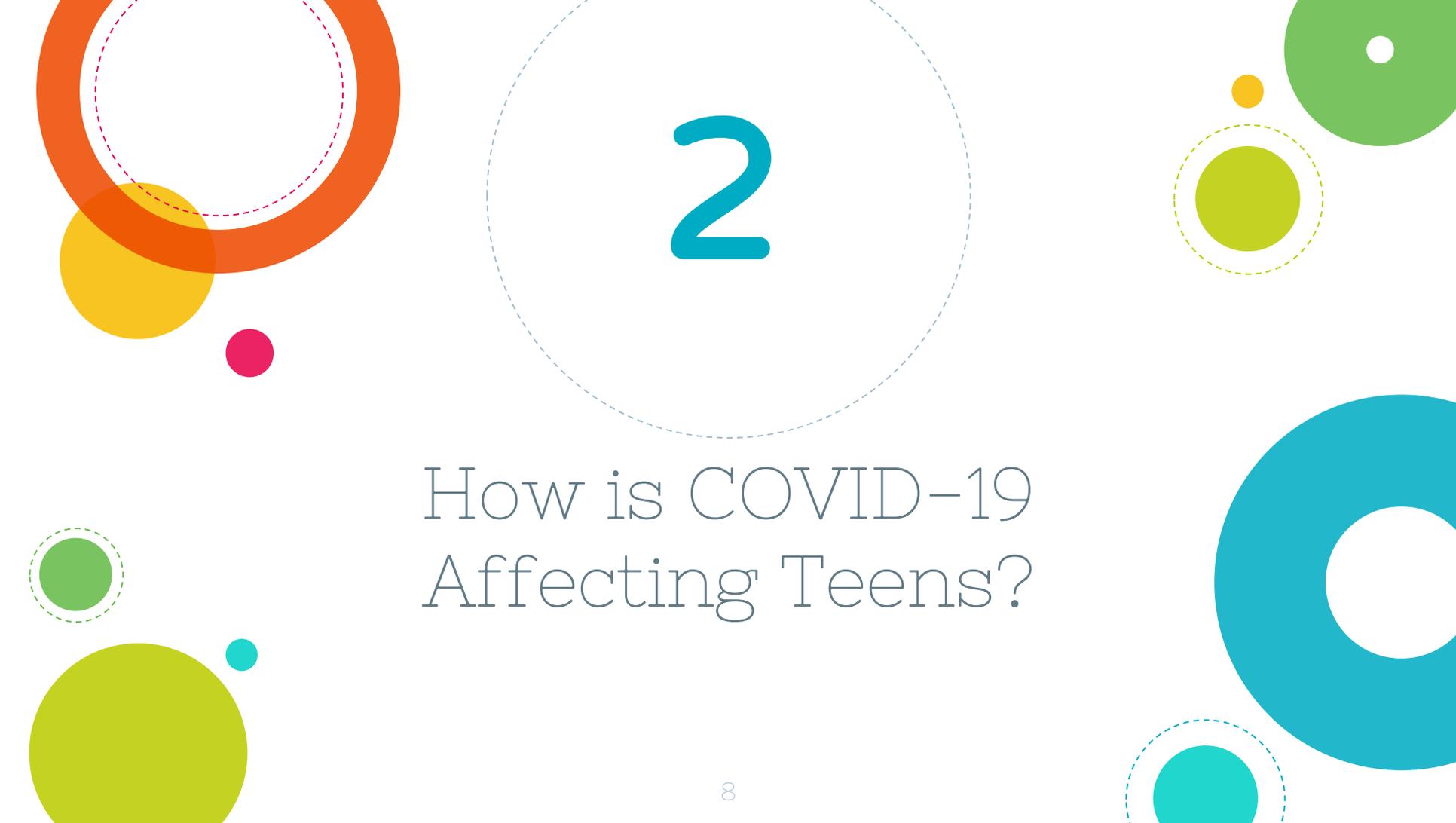◎ Virtual programs & services

◎ What's next?

But first, breath.
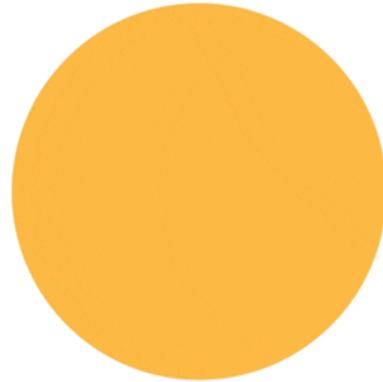
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Who we are

This is the part where you raise your hand

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How is COVID-19 Affecting Teens?

Teens are "ill-equipped" for this crisis

Developmental Factors

◎ Need for social and peer interaction

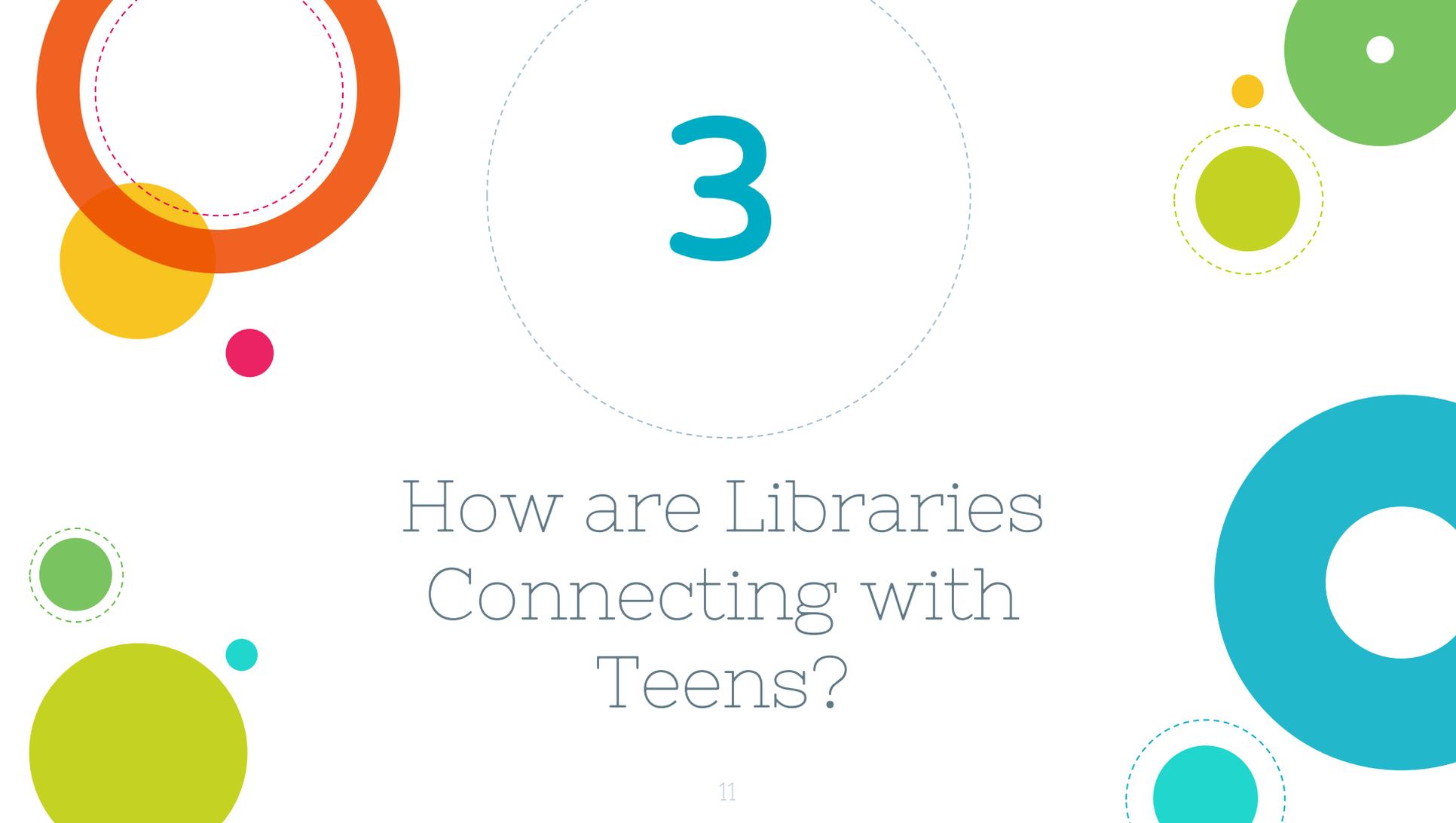◎ Action-oriented

◎ Developing independence and self-control

External Factors

◎ Loss of achievements

◎ Lack of access to tech
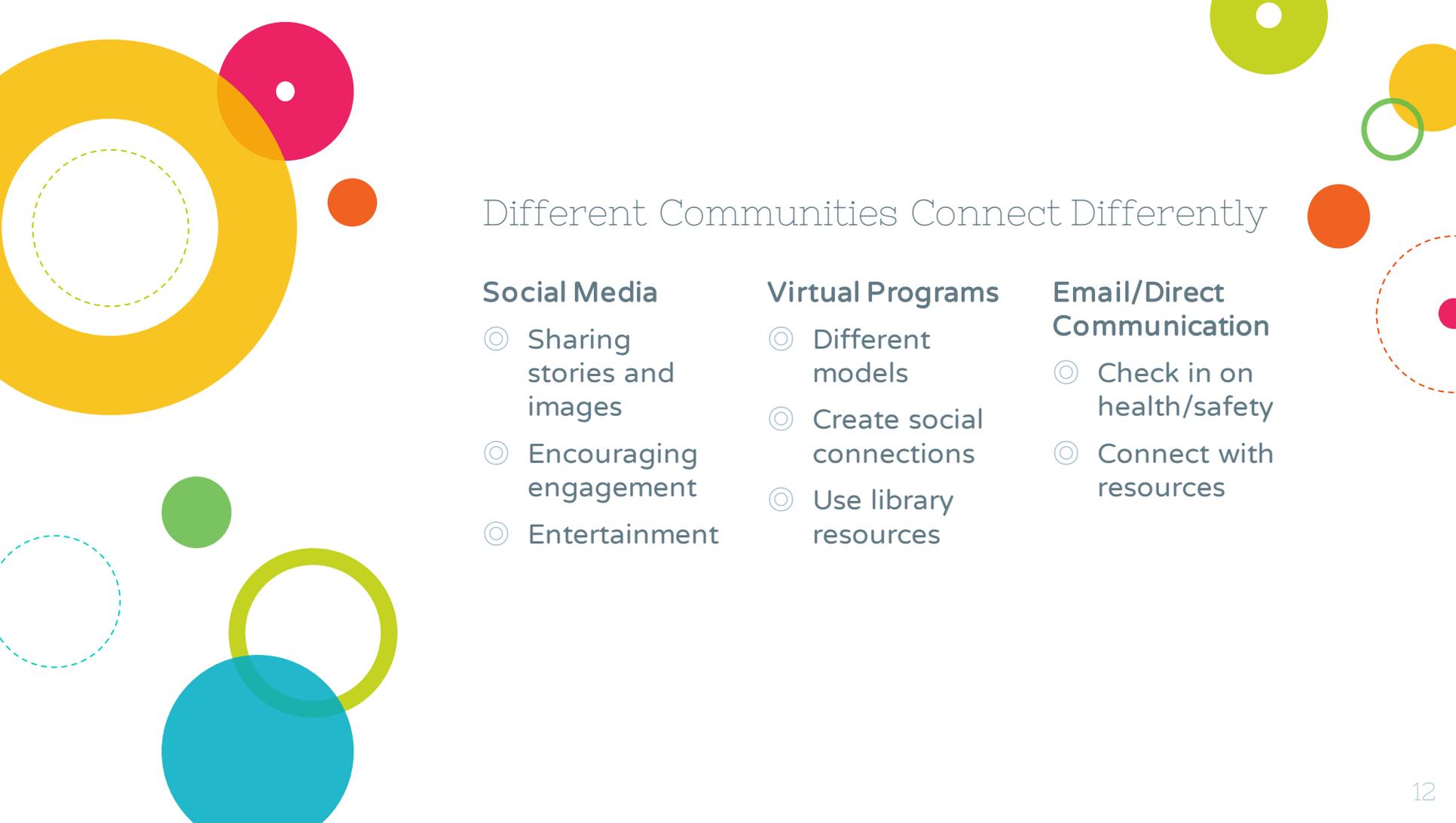
◎ Lack of privacy

◎ Unstable living situation

What are you seeing?

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How are Libraries Connecting with Teens?

Different Communities Connect Differently

Social Media

◎ Sharing stories and images

◎ Encouraging engagement

◎ Entertainment

Virtual Programs

◎ Different models

◎ Create social connections

◎ Use library resources

Email/Direct Communication

◎ Check in on health/safety

◎ Connect with resources

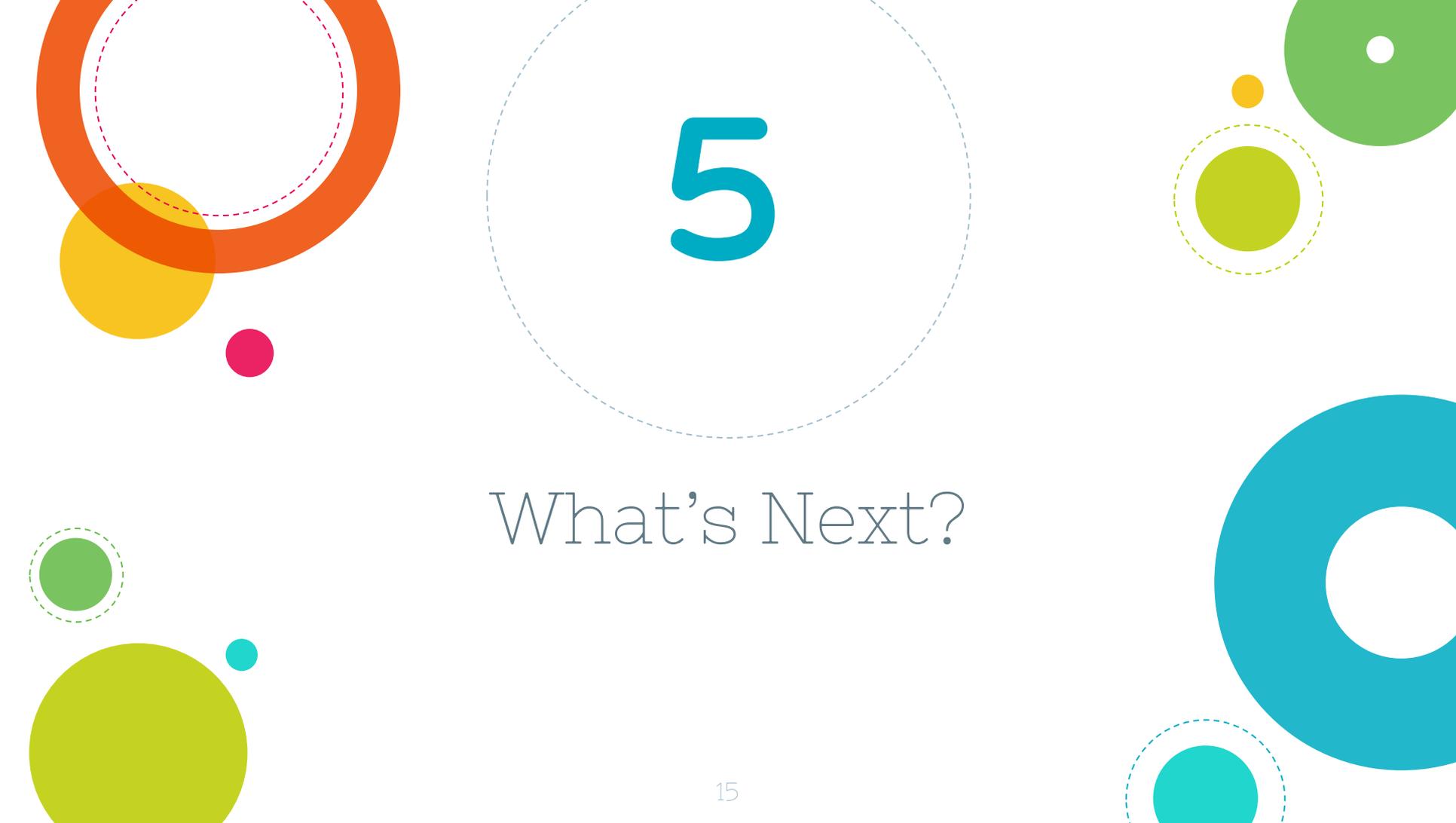How are you connecting with teens in your community?

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Virtual Programs
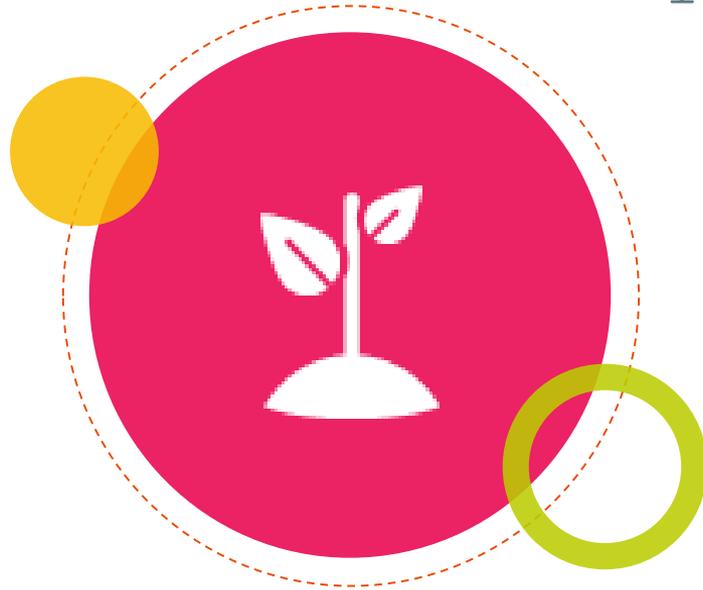## Share What You Are Doing

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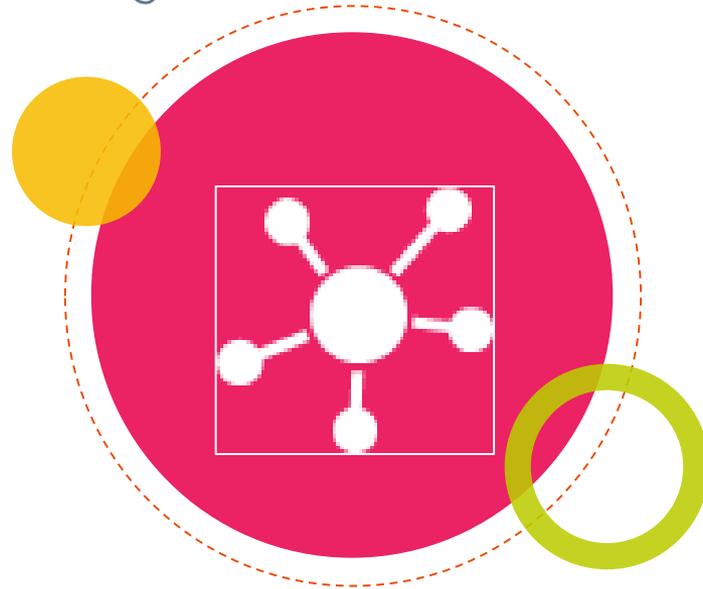
What's Next?

Resources

What's your go-to source for ideas right now?

Professional Development

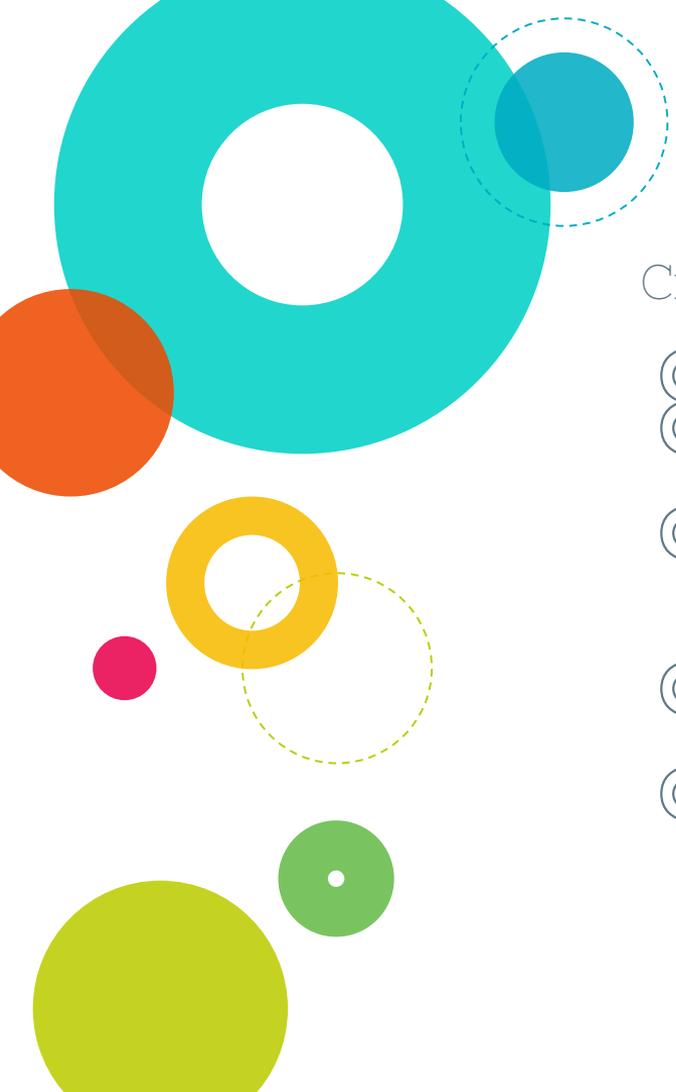Remember that time we were going to do all those trainings?

Stay Connected

A shameless plug for our new listserv

Thanks!

Any questions?

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Credits & Resources

◎ Presentation template by SlidesCarnival

◎ "The Reality of COVID-19 is Hitting Teens Especially Hard". *Wired*, April 6, 2020.

◎ "Even the Mellowest Teens are Raging Against the Pandemic Quarantine. Here's How to Help Them Cope". *The Washington Post*, April 23, 2020.

◎ "How Coronavirus is Creating Chaos for Teens. And Why There's Hope". *Poynter*, March 20, 2020.

◎ *Teen Librarian Toolbox*, a blog from *School Library Journal*.
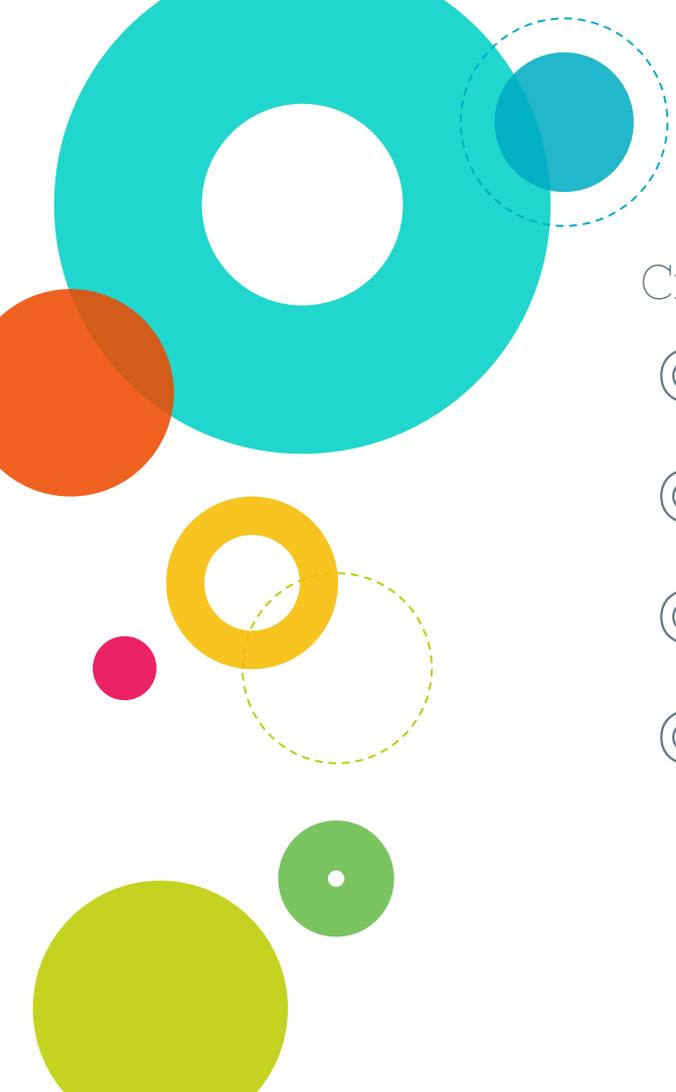
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◎ *COVID-19 FAQ's for Oakland Teens*, from Oakland Public Library.

◎ "How to Run a Virtual Book Club for Middle Schoolers". *School Library Journal*, March 26, 2020.

◎ "Quaren-teen Serial Podcast" from *Junior Library Guild*.

◎ Idaho Library COVID-19 Resources (Middle Grades Tab)
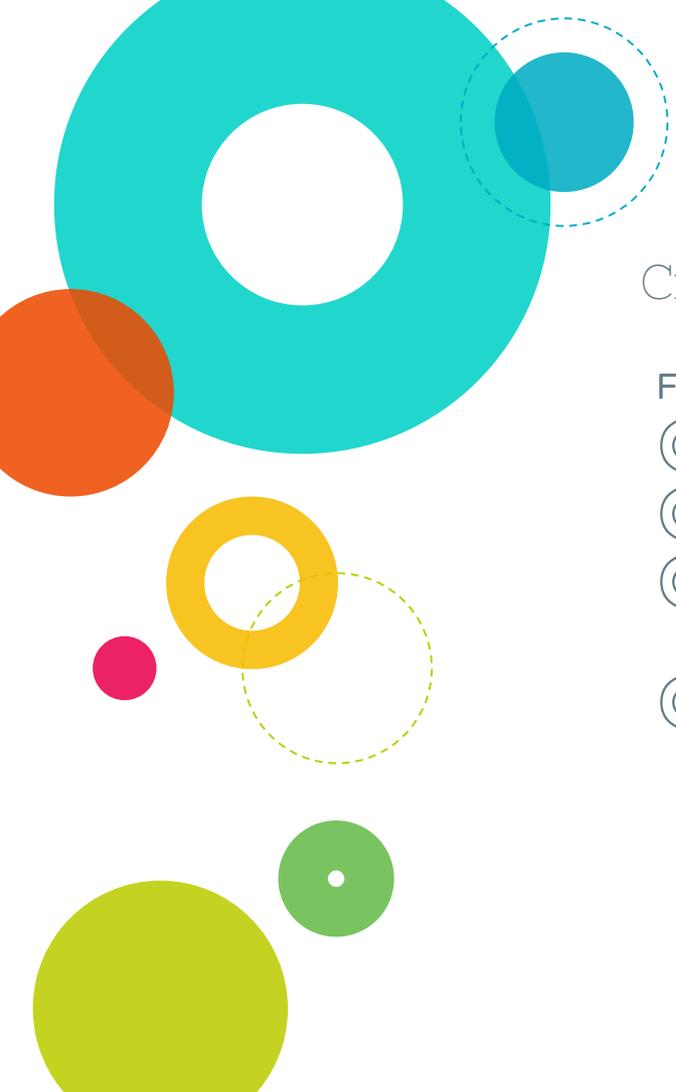
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From the Chat on 4/30/20:

◎ [Teen Services Underground](#) Facebook Page

◎ Online board games at [Tabletopia.com](#)

◎ Online BINGO card generator:
  https://myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator

◎ TikTok: https://www.tiktok.com/en/