

THE Y.A.P. (YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIP) RAP

Members of the Mi Casa group in Denver were so taken by the success of their work in youth-adult partnerships that they were moved to sing... or rap. The “Y.A.P. Rap,” written and performed by an adult partner and a youth partner at Mi Casa, tells the story of two men and their experiences working with each other.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HEARD ABOUT ME
 BUT I'M A TEACH YOU BOUT THE Y.A.P.s
 NO INTERRUPTIN' PEOPLE WHEN WE SPEAK

The fellowship – we're in a meeting
 We're working on projects
 We got a thing for the city,
 The people, the problems

We know that if we work together
 Then maybe we'll solve them
 So we get youth and adults together
 And we get it goin'

We run a peace circle
 Just to get to know each other
 An hour later, we're all talking
 With one another
 I love you, homie
 Hey man, you're like my older brother
 You're like the other part of me
 Except a little younger

You like the youth, you like adults
 You like the way we work
 We show respect and always value
 Everybody's worth

I'm not that kid trying to holla
 Cause I'm acting out
 Naw, I'm that kid trying to holla
 Cause I want to help

I'm an adult, but I know
 What the Y.A.P.'s about
 Collective leadership
 Not leaving anybody out

Look baby this is simple
 You can't see
 You rollin with me
 You rollin with that Y.A.P.

*Lyrics by
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