**Storytelling + Listening**

**Guidelines for Listening and Offering Feedback**

**Adapted from Alaska Teen Media Institute’s *For Story Coaches***

**BEFORE anyone begins telling a story:**

Ask if there are specific areas in which they want help? (Do they want listeners to thing about ideas for a hook,? Or how to describe the setting? Or the Stakes? Etc.)

**DURING:**

Please give the storyteller your full attention. Quick notes as reminders are fine but try to make eye contact and really listen.

**AFTER:**

All listeners should take a moment to jot down their notes before sharing feedback.

Share what you liked:

An interesting character, a hook that got you interested, a rich detail you appreciated, things you were thankful they were willing to share, etc.

If you have a clarifying question, ask!

Other questions you may want to ask include:

* Why did you choose this story?
* Is there something more you could (and would want to) say about  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?
* What do you want the impact of this story to be on the people who hear it?

Offer any suggestions or ideas you have about the areas the storyteller asked for help with. Try to be flexible when offering suggestions.

**Additional notes:**