

ORGANIZE AND ANALYZE DATA

Session 19

90 minutes

OBJECTIVES:

Youth will identify themes, or common ideas, that came up in their interviews and generate findings from their interview data.

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION:

- Stacks of sorted index cards from previous session.
- Rubber bands or paper clips.
- Highlighters.

I. OPENING: ATTENDANCE, SNACKS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AGENDA OVERVIEW (10 MINUTES)

Opening Circle Statement (Around the World): Ask for a participant to suggest an opening statement for the group.

II. WARM UP: STORY (10 MINUTES)

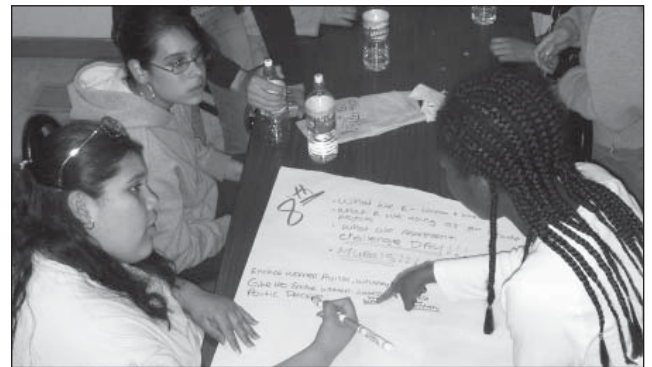
Ask everyone to sit in a circle. In this activity, the group will tell a story – but each person can only add one word at a time! Ask for a volunteer to start the story by saying one word. The next person builds on the sentence by saying another word. Continue until the group has at least formed a sentence or two. Debrief: How does this activity relate to teamwork?

III. IDENTIFY INTERVIEW THEMES (50 MINUTES)

Step 1: Make sure that youth have their stacks of interview index cards from the previous session. Explain that everyone should go through one question at a time and review the responses on their cards. Their task is to sort the responses to each question, putting similar answers in separate stacks. They may use rubber bands or paper clips to keep them together. They may also color code the cards and answers with highlighters.

Step 2: After the cards are sorted, have youth identify the stacks with the most cards. These are the primary themes from the interviews. They can also pull out quotes that demonstrate these themes. Ask youth to count the cards in each stack (e.g., 15 of the 20 people interviewed identified bullying as the biggest problem at their middle school). Remind youth to identify the most common ideas that come up, not just the comments that support their personal ideas.

Identify Interview Themes



IV. PRESENT MAIN IDEAS (15 MINUTES)

Ask for several students to explain their research topic and present the major themes from their interviews. Ask them:

- What are the main findings from the interview data that you see at this point?
- What do you think is important or relevant about these findings?
- What surprised you? What did you find interesting? Has anything changed in the way you think about or view your topic as a result of the findings?

V. CLOSING (5 MINUTES)

Closing Circle Statement (Around the World): Name the interview theme you personally found the most interesting or surprising.

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