

Strategic Planning with the Youth Board: Brainstorming and Multi-voting to Identify and Prioritize Issues

Materials needed: Flip chart, voting dots, and markers. It is also best to set-up tables in the shape of a square design.

- Step 1:** Develop an Open-Ended Question for the entire group.
QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL ISSUES IN THIS COUNTY?
- Step 2:** Allow three minutes to allow individuals to think about the question and their response.
- Step 3:** Ask for responses from the group. As individuals start providing responses, write down responses on a flip chart. Remember as the facilitator, it is important to be non-biased and do not show any type of expressions when someone provides an idea.
- Step 4:** Once all responses are provided, check for duplication and see if anything can be combined. Also, check to see if any response is unclear or needs to be discussed in greater detail for the group.
- Step 5:** Pass out 10 voting dots and ask participants to think about where they want to place these dots in order to develop priorities for the Youth Board.
- Step 6:** Ask participants to go to the flip chart and place their 10 dots by any issues they wish. Make sure they understand that they can distribute their dots however they wish. That means they can place their 10 dots by one issue or distribute them amongst a number of issues as they see fit. For example, an individual may decide to place five dots by one issue, three dots by a second issue, and two on a third issue.
- Step 7:** Tally results and list top three to five priorities based on this process. These priorities should serve the Youth Board as a starting point to develop Outcome and Output Programs for the county and the Youth Board to address.