

Questions that Elicit Youth and Family Strengths, Culture, and Values

Strengths Eliciting Questions (Youth):

- What would your friends/adults say are your best qualities?
- What are some special qualities about you that people don't always see?
- What do you like to do when you are not in school?
- What are you good at? What do people say you are good at? (sports, music, art, etc.)
- What are your best subjects in school?
- Tell me about the last time you and your family did something fun together.
- What do you appreciate most about your family?
- Who do you rely on most in your family/extended family?

Questions that Elicit Youth Culture and Experience:

- Tell me about what it's like growing up in your neighborhood.
- What are some of the day-to-day challenges you face?
- What do you have to do to survive?
- What works for you?
- What do you have to do to stay out of trouble?
- What is it like at your school right now?

Questions that Elicit Values on Parenting (Parents/Families):

- Tell me what it was like in your home growing up.
- Tell me the rules you had to follow.
- What kind of discipline did your parents use?
- What worked? What didn't?
- Describe your relationship with your parents back then and now.
- What do you do differently as a parent?
- What kind of relationship do you want to have with your child?
- What is different about being a parent now compared to when your parents were raising you?
- If you could pass on two or three lessons about life to your children, what would they be?

Appreciative Inquiry (Families):

- What would you want someone on the outside to know so they could better understand how hard it is for you right now?
- What are some special qualities about you that people don't always see?
- What do you want/wish for your child and his or her future?
- What worries/concerns you the most about your son or daughter?
- Tell me how your family celebrates the holidays/birthdays.
- When you have fun together as a family, what do you do?
- Think about the time your family did the best together- what was going right?

Support and Resource Eliciting Questions(Parents/Families):

- When there is a problem who do you call for support?
- What activities would you like to see your child involved in?