

### 3. Identifying Your Issue

#### Our Group Focus

*Now that the information is in, it is time for the youth to select an issue they would like to focus on and do something about!*

**Time required:** 45-60 minutes

**Supplies needed:** lists created from walkabout exercise, community leader interview, and community strengths and concerns

#### Instructions

- Post all notes and lists from previous meetings for everyone to see.
- Review the information on the lists, combining them into one list of **Community Issues and Concerns**.
- Divide youth into small groups of 3-4. Ask each small group to discuss and rate each identified issue on a scale of 1-5.

**1 -NO!!! ----- 3-Maybe ----- 5-YES!!!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Is this a serious issue in our community?</i></li><li>○ <i>Is this an issue you have a desire or passion to change?</i></li><li>○ <i>Will community leaders/adults support us or work with us in trying to address this issue?</i></li><li>○ <i>Will other young people in the community support/work with us?</i></li></ul> |
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- Ask each small group to report out why they scored each issue as they did. Add up the total score for each issue and highlight those with the highest scores.
- Ask each small group to discuss the highlighted issues, and choose the one issue they are most concerned about.
- Record the one issue identified per small group and then use a voting method to choose one issue (not a project!) to focus on.

#### Reflection Questions

Q: What was this meeting like for you?

Q: How do you feel about the way we made decisions together?

Q: What is another way, besides voting, we could make decisions together?