### THE AUSTIN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. How old are you?	2. What is your gender? □ Male □ Female
3. How do you describe yourself? (check one)	
□ African-American □ American Indian or Alaskan Native □ Latino/a □ White, not Hispanic origin	□ Asian/Pacific Islander □ Other - please specify:
4. What is your highest level of education?	5. How much prior experience do you have working with youth?
□ HS Diploma □ College Diploma □ Graduate Degree	□ Less than 1 year □ 1 – 3 years □ 3 or more years
6. How would you describe your childhood economic situation?	□ Poor □ Low budget □ Medium budget □ High budget
7. Were you born in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No	8. Were your parents born in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, where were you born?	If no, where were they born?
9. How likely are you to go to go back to school? (check one)	10. What is the highest education level of your father?
□ Not at all likely □ Somewhat likely □ Very likely	11. What is the highest education level of your mother?
12. What religion(s) do you follow if any?	14. In what other ways do you express your spirituality?
13. How often do you attend services?	□ I do not
15. How much community or youth organizing work have you done in the past?	16. How much do you agree with the following statement?  "I have a personal responsibility to work with youth that grew up in circumstances similar to mine."
□ None □ Little □ Some □ A Great Deal	☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree
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	QUESTION	SA	A	NS	D	SD	
The	AVERAGE YOUTH in this program has difficulty because						
1.	Youth do not have enough positive role models						
2.	Most people expect youth to fail in school and work						
3.	Parents are not involved enough in the lives of youth						
4.	Minority youth are described as criminals						
5.	The home environment for most youth is not stable						
6.	Their families don't have enough money or other things to help them succeed						
7.	Messages about youth in the media tend to be negative						
8.	Youth and teachers tend not to have a good relationship in school						
9.	Youth can't focus on doing well because they worry about issues at home						
10.	Pressure of the street make it hard to stay out of trouble						
11.	Youth are always being judged by adults on issues like dress and language						
12.	Young men have to prove their manhood THE						
13.	Pressure for gang involvement increases the chance of getting in trouble	TO	PW	FHV	T		
14.	Youth don't think they can talk to adults about issues of sexuality						
15.	The gang lifestyle is too attractive to youth PROJECT						
16.	Law enforcement regularly harasses youth						
17.	Young women are treated poorly by boys and men						
18.	School conditions make learning very hard						
19.	Violence in the community is part of everyday life						
20.	Young women act too dependently in relationships with boys						
21.	Schools do not realize how talented youth are						
22.	Youth don't participate enough in youth-led research or evaluation						
23.	Youth are not given the tools to be successful adults						
24.	Schools do not have enough options outside of academics						
25.	The community doesn't have enough activities for youth to enjoy						
26.	Schools do not help to develop youth gifts and talents						
27.	There are not enough work and career options available						
28.	Conflict between different ethnic groups is high						
29.	Youth don't participate in enough youth-led trainings or education						

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The AVERAGE YOUTH in this program has difficulty because	SA	A A	NS	D	SD
30. Schools are of poor teaching quality					
31. Youth do not learn enough about issues important to their ethnicity					
32. Youth do not have enough discipline					
33. Girls/young women look to boys/young men for approval					
34. Youth believe the negative images shown in the media					
35. Youth do not believe that life conditions can be changed					
36. Youth don't know how to behave appropriate in public places					
37. Young women have unrealistically high expectations of themselves					
38. Youth do not feel they can be successful in life					
39. Youth expect to go to jail in their lifetime					
40. Youth don't want to think about the consequences of their actions					
41. Youth think others are more responsible for their success/failure than they are					
42. Youth do not have an adult in their life that they can trust					
43. Youth do not have someone that has said they can do better in life					
44. Youth don't have enough places where they feel safe					
45. There are not enough places try to help different ethnicities to get along	THO	PW	FU		
46. Youth do not have an adult in their life who will listen and talk to them					
47. Youth have not been told they have the power to change their circumstances					
48. Youth don't have places to go to get away from neighborhood stress					
49. Youth do not have a positive role model					
50. Youth don't have enough places to go where they are not judged					
51. Youth need more places where they can express themselves freely					
52. Youth don't have enough chances to work with others on positive change					
53. There is not enough attention to helping youth get along with one another					
54. There is not enough support to help youth succeed in school					
55. There is not enough support to help youth pursue their interests					
56. There are not enough people that try to help uncover youth talents					
55. There are not enough opportunities to help youth learn about social issues					
56. Gang conflicts are too hard to avoid					
57. Youth don't have the chance to help improve their community					
58. Youth don't have enough chances to be successful in areas outside of school					
59. Youth do not try hard enough					

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To address the gaps in the lives of AVERAGE PROGRAM YOUTH, I strive:	SA	A A	NS	D	SD
60. To be a positive role model for them					
61. To mentor them on issues that come up as important					
62. To create safe spaces for them to explore their talents and interests					
63. To give them a break from stress they face in their neighborhood					
64. To uncover what they are highly interested in					
65. To be someone that they can trust					
66. To help them improve their academic skills					
67. To convey to them that they can do better than their current circumstances					
68. To contribute to their socio-political development					
69. To help them contribute to positive social change					
70. To be someone that they feel they can talk to when they need to					
71. To create a space where they feel <u>psychologically</u> safe					
72. To make sure that they feel they are not being judged by me					
73. To model appropriate ways of interacting with both genders					
74. To create a space where they feel physically safe					
75. To sustain their interest in the things they are passionate about	EI HO	PM	EN'		
76. To help involve them with other youth that are involved in civic engagement					
77. To promote their success in areas outside of academics					
78. To promote solidarity among them and youth of different ethnic backgrounds					
79. To help them with positive self-expression					
80. To help them, if gang-involved, with strategies to exit the gang					
81. To convey to them that they can actually change their current circumstances					
82. To inspire them to explore new potential areas of interest					
83. To consistently encourage graduating from high-school or beyond					
84. To help them improve their social skills of getting along with their peers					
85. To help them increase the amount of positive peers in their network of friends					
86. To help prevent them from using substances like marijuana and alcohol					
87. To increase youth awareness of positive supports in their lives					
88. To help minimize the attractiveness of gangs if they are at risk for involvement					
89. To help improve their self-confidence.					
90. To connect them with opportunities for political or policy lobbying					
91. To increase their involvement in decision-making and leadership					

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You	uth with THE MOST difficulty in this program have difficulty because						
1.	They do not have enough positive role models						
2.	Most people expect them to fail in school and work						
3.	Parents are not involved enough in their lives						
4.	They are an ethnic minority and often described as criminals						
5.	Their home environment is not stable						
6.	Their families don't have enough money or other things to help them succeed						
7.	Media messages about youth that look like them tend to be negative						
8.	They tend not to have a good relationship in school with their teachers						
9.	They can't focus on doing well because they worry about issues at home						
10.	The pressure of the street makes it hard for them to stay out of trouble						
11.	They are always being judged by adults on issues like dress and language						
12.	They are young men and have to prove their manhood						
13.	Pressure for gang involvement increases their chance of getting in trouble	TRO	PW	-0\			
14.	They don't think they can talk to adults about issues of sexuality						
15.	The gang lifestyle is too attractive to them						
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17.	They are young women and are treated poorly by boys and men						
18.	School conditions make learning very hard for them						
19.	Violence in their community is part of everyday life						
20.	They are young women & act too dependently in relationships with young men						
21.	Schools do not realize how talented they are						
22.	They don't participate enough in youth-led research or evaluation						
23.	They are not given the tools to be successful adults						
24.	Schools do not have enough options for them outside of academics						
25.	The community doesn't have enough activities for them to enjoy						
26.	Schools do not help to develop their gifts and talents						
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Youth with THE MOST difficulty in this program have difficulty because	SA	A	NS	D	SD
30. Their schools are of poor teaching quality					
31. They do not learn enough about issues important to their ethnicity					
32. They do not have enough self-discipline					
33. They are young women and look too much to young men for approval					
34. They believe the negative images about them shown in the media					
35. They do not believe that they can overcome their life conditions					
36. They don't know how to behave appropriately in public places					
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44. They don't have enough places where they feel safe					
45. They need more ways to get along positively with youth of other ethnicities	THO	PW	FU		
46. They do not have an adult in their life who will listen and talk to them					
47. They have never been told they have the power to change their circumstances					
48. They don't have enough places to go to get away from neighborhood stress					
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Results are expected to contribute to better understanding the network of out-of-school time programs in the region and their quality. Results are also expected to be used in future projects that can help with young people's healthy development and well-being.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

## Please mark on your answer sheet how you feel about each of the following statements.

How true do you feel these statements are about you personally?

		Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
B1.	I have goals and plans for the future.	A	В	С	D
B2.	I plan to graduate from high school.	A	В	С	D
В3.	I plan to go to college or some other school after high school.	A	В	С	D
B4.	I know where to go for help with a problem.	A	В	С	D
B5.	I try to work out problems by talking or writing about them.	A	В	С	D
B6.	I can work out my problems.	A	В	С	D
B7.	I can do most things if I try.	A	В	С	D
B8.	I can work with someone who has different opinions than mine.	A	В	С	D
B9.	There are many things that I do well.	A	В	C	D
B10.	I feel bad when someone gets their feelings hurt.	A	В	С	D
B11.	I try to understand what other people go through.	A	В	С	D
B12.	When I need help, I find someone to talk with.	A	В	С	D
B13.	I enjoy working together with other students my age.	A	В	С	D
B14.	I stand up for myself without putting others down.	A	В	С	D
B15.	I try to understand how other people feel and think.	A	В	С	D
B16.	There is a purpose to my life.	A	В	С	D
B17.	I understand my moods and feelings.	A	В	С	D
B18.	I understand why I do what I do.	A	В	С	D

### How true are these statements about your FRIENDS?

I have a friend about my own age ...

		Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
B19.	who really cares about me.	A	В	С	D
B20.	who talks with me about my problems.	A	В	С	D
B21.	who helps me when I'm having a hard time.	A	В	С	D

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My friends ...

		Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
B22.	get into a lot of trouble.	A	В	С	D
B23.	try to do what is right.	A	В	С	D
B24.	do well in school.	A	В	С	D

### How true are these statements about your HOME or the ADULTS WITH WHOM YOU LIVE?

*In my home, there is a parent or some other adult ...* 

		Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much <u>True</u>	Very Much True
B25.	who expects me to follow the rules.	A	В	С	D
B26.	who is interested in my school work.	A	В	С	D
B27.	who believes that I will be a success.	A	В	С	D
B28.	who talks with me about my problems.	A	В	С	D
B29.	who always wants me to do my best.	A	В	С	D
B30.	who listens to me when I have something to say.	A	В	С	D

At home ...

		Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
B31.	I do fun things or go fun places with my parents or other adults.	A	В	С	D
B32.	I do things that make a difference.	A	В	С	D
B33.	I help make decisions with my family.	A	В	С	D