**Issue Chart**

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| Issue & Example of the Problem | Ideal (What We Want) | How Can We  Get from the  Real to the  Ideal? | Challenges  or Barriers  to Working  Towards  the Ideal | Allies & Resources  (Who and What Will  Support Us) |
| Guiding Questions: | | | | |
| What’s the specific problem you want to address? Is the problem *actionable?* | Let’s think concretely about what it would look like if a solution to this specific problem were implemented?  How might this affect the broader problem your group is focused on? | What actions can you and others in your community take?  What are the actions necessary at the level of individuals, your community, and maybe through policy or local government? | For each action you can think of to get from real to ideal, what problems might arise?  What resources do you need?  What beliefs might people hold that could prevent community members from joining in on the action? | Who is already working on this issue?  What resources are already available to help with this issue?  How can we find out?  What kinds of information do we need to work on this issue?  How could we use research to address the issue and action process? |
| Example: | | | | |
| It’s hard to buy fresh fruit / vegetables and healthy foods in my neighborhood.  The corner stores that do sell fruit and vegetables don’t offer much and it’s very expensive. | Grocery stores and fruit stands/corner stores that sell fresh fruits & veggies.  Community gardens that grow vegetables and fruit and people can share the labor and the resources | Get city approval to turn an empty space into a community garden, and crowdsource resources to start this.  Create resource guides for people who want to start fruit stands.  Work with corner stores to provide more options like fruits, vegetables, and other healthy and affordable food. | Maybe selling fruit isn’t very profitable and requires a lot of money upfront.  Gardens take a long time to give fruit and vegetables and are weather-dependent.  People may think that it’s not realistic and not support the change.  People maybe don’t trust each other to do their part in a garden. | Neighborhood activists  Local organizations working on this issue – who are they?  Our families, friends, peers  Clinics, shelters, other spaces that offer support to the community |