

APPENDIX L

INTERVIEW PROTOCOL: YOUTH FOCUS GROUP QUESTIONNAIRE

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XI. Youth Focus Group

Name of site:

Site code:

Name of site visitor:

Date of site visit:

Tips on setting up the focus group

- Limit the number of youth to six maximum.
- Introduce yourself; tell them why you are there. Let youth introduce themselves.
- Establish ground rules at the onset, (let everyone speak, speak one at a time, etc.)
- Send around a sign-in sheet so youth can write their name (first name is fine) and age. (This way you don't have to spend time asking how old each one is).
- Tape record if you want, but be sure to ask for permission.
- Read the participants the Public Burden Statement which appears on the cover page for this questionnaire.

Background

- 1. How did you find out about YouthBuild?*
- 2. What made you interested in it?*
- 3. Do you know of any other programs like YouthBuild in your community? Which ones?*
- 4. Did you explore enrolling in any of these? Why did you choose to enroll in YouthBuild?*
- 5. Is it hard for youth to get jobs in your community? Why or why not?*

Feedback on YouthBuild Environment

- 6. Do you feel physically safe here? Is violence ever a problem here?*

- 7. Do you feel comfortable sharing personal problems or challenges you may be facing with staff or other participants?*

Description of Service Flow

- 8. Describe what you did when you first arrived at YouthBuild.*
 - a. Orientation (not Mental Toughness)*

 - b. Intake*

 - c. Assessment/testing*

 - d. Interview*

 - e. Mental Toughness*

 - f. What services did you receive before Mental Toughness?*

Feedback on Specific Components

- 9. What did you do in Mental Toughness?*

- 10. Do you feel like it prepared you well for the program?*

- 11. What do you think about the academic classes at YouthBuild?*

- 12. How does they compare to your past school experiences?*

13. Do you feel like you are learning more or less? Explain.

14. What kind of work/vocational skills are you learning at YouthBuild?

15. Are you interested in construction training?

16. How does YouthBuild prepare you to get a job?

17. What kind of community service do you do in YouthBuild?

18. Are there opportunities for you to be a leader in the program? Explain.

Overall Assessment

19. What are the best things about the YouthBuild program?

20. What are the worst things about the YouthBuild program?

21. How could YouthBuild be better in helping youth get ahead?

SIGN IN SHEET – YOUTHBUILD EVALUATION FOCUS GROUP

DATE _____ PROGRAM _____

First name

Age

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____