

Youth Engagement Strategies – Key Informant Interviews

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Section B – Data Collection Procedures

1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

This is an exploratory study in which we are trying to identify innovative and best practice youth engagement and youth-adult partnership activities used by youth-serving organizations. The data we collect will be used to potentially inform federal work and will contribute to the progress of achieving a related goal and strategies of the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs' strategic plan, *Pathways for Youth*.

This study proposes to use key informant interviews to describe youth engagement and youth-adult partnership strategies used by youth-serving organizations.

Youth Engagement Consultant interns have been working over the past several months to review publically available information and identify youth-serving organizations that seem to use innovative and meaningful youth engagement strategies. Our sample will be derived from their findings and will include federal, state, local, and/or tribal youth serving organizations interested in participating. We anticipate conducting up to 50 interviews with staff from youth-serving organizations.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

We have developed a telephone interview protocol (not more than forty five minutes in length) that focuses on the following topics: youth engagement approaches, perceptions of the possible impact of youth engagement, and lessons learned that respondents would like to share with other organizations that engage youth.

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates Deal with Nonresponse

We will recruit participants via email and follow up with telephone calls as needed. We do not anticipate problems with response rate or nonresponse, given that the universe of possible youth-serving organizations is rather large. In the event that a key informant does not respond or chooses not to participate, we will seek out another individual to represent that organization or consider including a different organization.

4. Test of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

The key informant interview protocol was developed by the study project team (Drs. Cheri Hoffman, Michelle Boyd, and Sarah Oberlander). We will pilot the interview protocol with approximately two federal staff before interviewing key informants.

5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

The study project team (Drs. Cheri Hoffman, Michelle Boyd, and Sarah Oberlander) is comprised of doctoral-level researchers trained in qualitative data analyses. The study team has extensive knowledge of youth-serving organizations and a variety of youth engagement strategies.