



# Police-Youth Dialogues Toolkit

The *Police-Youth Dialogues Toolkit* includes detailed information for facilitators and others arranging conversations between police officers and young people.

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## **Guide for Improving Relationships and Public Safety through Engagement and Conversation**

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This in-depth publication offers step-by-step guidance on planning, conducting, and following up after dialogues between law enforcement and young people.

## **Planning Worksheet: Organizing the Dialogue**

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This checklist helps planners clarify goals, partners, and logistics to ensure adequate support for the dialogue before beginning the planning process.

## **Four Corners Activity**

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This activity provides young people with a safe way to share their experiences, questions, and concerns about working with law enforcement. It is based on an activity used by the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Students Talking it Over with Police (STOP) program.

## **Facilitator Worksheet: Preparing for the Dialogue**

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Facilitators should consider these clarifying questions between their pre-dialogue meetings with police officers and young people and the dialogue itself.

## **Confidentiality Pledge**

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Participants in police-youth dialogues have the responsibility for creating a safe space. This confidentiality pledge or one like it should be presented by the facilitator and agreed to by all participants.

## **Icebreaker for Police Officers: Time Warp**

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This exercise can help law enforcement officers as they begin considering the mindset of the young people they will be working with during the dialogue.

## **Quiz: The Teen Brain**

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This quiz can be used to introduce the differences from adults in the ways teens think about and process their environment.

## **Dialogue Prompts**

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These questions are samples for dialogue facilitators to draw from and adapt.

## **Facilitator Worksheet: Concluding the Dialogue**

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It can be helpful for the facilitator to consider these followup questions to record key information about the dialogue and provide a useful record for those leading dialogues in the future.

## **User Survey**

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A brief survey (anonymous and confidential) will help the authors of this toolkit learn more about how this resource is being used.

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