



## POLICE-YOUTH DIALOGUES TOOLKIT

# Dialogue Prompts

*The following questions are samples for dialogue facilitators to draw from and adapt. Additional questions asked during the dialogue should be related to issues that surfaced during planning meetings with community partners and pre-meetings with youth and police.*

### For youth

- Describe the last time you interacted with a police officer.  
What did he or she do?  
What did you do?  
Who initiated the interaction?
- When is a time you felt uncomfortable with a police officer?
- What can officers do to make you feel more comfortable?
- If you could ask police one question, what would it be?
- Talk about a time an adult helped you—it could be an officer or another adult.
- Describe how you feel about police in your community using only one word.
- What is one piece of advice you would like to give to police officers about working in your community?
- If an officer had to stop you tomorrow, what advice would you give him or her?
- If an officer stops you tomorrow, what is the first thing you will do?

## For police officers

- Describe the last time you interacted with a young person.  
What did he or she do?  
What did you do? Who initiated the interaction?
- What are some of the reasons you would stop a young person?
- What are some of the things you must take into account during stops?
- What should a young person know going into a police stop?
- Talk about a positive interaction you've had with a young person as a police officer.
- What is one common misconception people have about police officers?
- What is the best thing about being a cop?  
What is the worst thing?
- What is one piece of advice you would like to give young people related to interacting with police?
- What should young people do if they feel a police officer is treating them unfairly?
- How will you approach the next young person you need to question on the street?

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