

## **DRAFT CSGP Student Discussion Group Format & Questions**

(15min)

- Have participants complete sign-in form with demographic info, etc.
- Introductions/Overview: Why We're Here; Why Your Input is Important
- State that all discussion/answers will be documented anonymously
- Icebreaker/name game

### **INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION** (write, draw or brainstorm silently, 5min):

What types of community service activities are you involved in?

What do you like about the experience? What don't you like?

Which types of community service experiences are the most and least memorable for you so far? Most and least fun? Why?

### **IN LARGE GROUP** (15min)

1. Describe your community service experience through this school or through CSGP (share answers to above questions). How do you get to your community service site? How convenient and safe is transportation?
2. During your community service work, do you ever get the chance to make decisions on how to plan or carry out a task or solve a problem? If working in teams, are you ever in a leadership position?
3. What have you learned from your community service activities? Have you gained any new skills? If so, which ones?
4. Describe how your service activities benefit the community. If you don't feel they benefit the community, explain why not.\*
5. What do you think is the purpose of you participating in community service? Do you think it should be a mandatory part of your education?

### **DESIGN YOUR OWN IDEAL SERVICE PROGRAM** (groups of 3-4, Youth Leaders are recorders or small group facilitators, 20 min)

What type of community service work options would you offer students? (think about your natural interests, talents, hobbies)

Which communities would you want to help?\*

Which adults would be involved? What type of people would you hire as staff? Would you involve parents?

How many hours of community service would you require students to do?

How would you 'market' this program to students and get them excited about it?

### **REPORT OUT IN LARGE GROUP** (20 min)

#### **FINAL QUESTIONS IN LARGE GROUP** (15min)

6. Do you think your community service work has had an impact on your choices for the future? What are your future goals? Do the service activities fit into your future goals?
7. Mentoring: Who provides the most support, mentoring or guidance to you in your community service work? In which way does he/she support you?
8. Reflection: Do you discuss or otherwise reflect upon your community service work with a teacher, mentor or counselor regularly? Does this happen during school hours?\*
9. What do your friends and family say about your involvement in these activities?
10. Would continued community service work – either through this school or your regular school – keep you motivated to stay in school? Why or why not? If not, what other types of activities or opportunities would keep you more motivated?

\*Omit the questions marked with an asterisk if time is short.