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Voices From the Field

to Build A Legacy that Helps Assure Bright Futures for Our Youth

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EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Sixteen participants returned the surveys. Of those completing the survey who indicated what sectors they represented, there were five site leadership reps, one coach and two partners.

All 16 respondents ranked the presentations as very positive or positive. Of these, 9 responded that the meeting was very positive.

Concerning the usefulness of the information, 12 indicated that the information was very useful and 4 indicated that it was useful. Fourteen of the 16 indicated that the presentations were good for their needs and one responded that the information was too basic.

Concerning the topics that were most useful, 10 responded that the Peer to Peer Exchange was the most useful topic. The following topics also were found to be useful by at least one participant:

- Tools Used to Facilitate the Discussion
- Data Collection
- Small Group
- Networking
- Gang Prevention and handheld device session
- Program expansion strategies exercise for the Transition High School
- Culture

Topics that were considered the least favorable were criteria concerning partnership formation and reviewing the gains and outcomes from the various programs

Topics that were identified to be addressed at future meetings included the following:

- Training on Classroom Management and just not the tools
- Future gang prevention activities
- Share innovative ideas that work for your area
- Focus on particular challenges that grantees have faced
- Reporting Requirements
- Assessments
- Sharing challenges
- Strategies to achieve goals
- Innovations to follow-up sessions
- web-based tools to provide collaboration across partnerships
- Involve youth in a peer to peer exchange
- Case management strategies
- Bring in other partners to share their ideas
- How to avoid problems with confidentiality laws



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Concerning additional comments about the Peer to Peer Exchange, many felt that it should be continued. Many felt that the breakout sessions were helpful and that the Peer to Peer Exchange should be offered more frequently.

The respondents felt that the presentations were good to excellent in terms of their preparation, the knowledge provided, the level of professionalism and the focus. Most rated these categories as excellent. No respondent felt that the presentations were of poor quality. Several respondents commented on how well the messages from the sites were communicated and several others commented favorably on the meeting's organization and management.

All but one respondent felt that the exercises were useful in facilitating the discussion. Only one respondent felt that the exercises were somewhat useful in facilitating discussion

All but one of the participants responding felt that their expectations to the Peer to Peer Exchange were met, while one felt that his/her expectations was somewhat met.

All but three respondents felt that the instructional materials were very helpful. Three thought that the material was somewhat helpful.

Material that could be added at future meetings included classroom management and institutional strategies. Many felt that the logistical arrangements were excellent or good as shown by the following chart:

Logistical Arrangements

	Excellent	Good	Average
Meeting Room Quality	9	2	1
Guest Rooms	4	3	1
Amenities	5	4	
Hotel Services	5	4	
Audiovisual Quality	5	3	
Geographic location	6	3	
Pre-Conference Assistance	3	5	1
Registration Procedure	3	6	1

The only additional comments made by two respondents were that the meeting materials seemed to be distributed at the last minute and it would have been desirable to have a working lunch.