

Focus Group Interview and Discussion Guide

1. Overall, what was your experience like working with your youth group and with youth engagement strategies?
2. What did you find worked well to support/facilitate your efforts? What presented challenges? (Probe: characteristics of partners, characteristics of youth, working with at-risk youth, setting goals, youth engagement strategies, working with parents, working with partners, etc.). What did you find worked well to overcome these challenges?
3. How well did the resources and supports offered by OPHA help with your work? (Probe: networking opportunities; resources; website; consultants) What else was needed?
4. Did the training you received help with your efforts? What additional supports, if any, would you suggest for other school health teams to be able to undertake youth engagement?
5. How supportive or disruptive did you find the work of the youth group to be to your normal work activities; to the school environment?
6. How would you describe your capacity now to contribute to the enhancement of protective factors among youth in your school or community? How can your capacity be further increased?
7. How well do you believe your efforts will help increase protective factors and reduce risk taking behaviour among youth in the school and community?
8. To what extent would you describe your school/community as being a healthy environment for youth in terms of enhancing protective factors and reducing risk factors? (Probe: At what level of engagement would you describe your school/community to be at present?) How much has this changed over the past year?
9. Do you plan to continue in your youth engagement work? In what role or capacity?