Choose your Battle- Youth Self-Assessment

Activity: Youth Self-Assessment

In the following activity, youth team members will complete peer interviews to assess whether they have met the objectives of the project cycle stage they have just completed.

Learning Objectives:
- Youth will practice interviewing peers and using interviews as an evaluation tool.
- Youth will identify weaknesses or limitations in understanding the issue.
- Youth will assess achievement of project stage objectives and readiness to move to the next stage.

Supplies:
- List of "The Crucial Questions" for this step
- Paper
- Pens or pencils

Activity Instructions:
Tell the youth they will be interviewing each other to assess the group's achievement of objectives in this stage. Share with them "The Crucial Questions" below for this step and make sure they understand what the questions are asking. Separate team members into pairs or small groups and ask them to decide who will be the interviewer and interviewee(s). Encourage them to record responses to questions. To support individual leadership in the group, consider dividing questions among pairs/small groups. Then, each pair/small group should lead a discussion around their questions with the larger group.

Reflection Questions:
- Were there any questions for which you did not have an answer?
- Did you identify any other information that might be missing or areas needing more detail?
- How can you continue to learn about the community, issue, need, and partners while moving ahead to the next project stages?

The Crucial Questions:

- Defining Community
  - What community do we plan to serve?
  - What new, deep understanding do we have about health issues in our community?

- Identifying Community Health Issue:
  - What community health –related issues have we identified?
  - Which issue is the most important to us to address?
  - What evidence (data, stories, observations, etc.) do we have to show that it is a community need to be addressed?
  - How do want to work on the issue in our own unique way?

- Expected Outcomes:
  - What do we think will be different about the community when we have completed our project?
    - Why?

- Partners
  - Who do we need to involve as partners to achieve our vision? Who else thinks it is an important issue? Who is most impacted by the issue?
  - Who do we want to help us?