

Appendix VII. Youth Focus Group – Demographic Survey

Focus Group Demographic Survey

Individual Information

1. How do you identify yourself (select all that apply)? (Please circle your response)

- a. Non-Hispanic Black
- b. Non-Hispanic White
- c. Asian/Pacific Islander
- d. Native American
- e. Latinx (any race)
- f. I'd rather not identify
- g. Other

Please add additional comments in the space below:

2. Because we want to thoroughly explore all of the circumstances affecting youth as they transition to adulthood, we are interested in whether you identify or have had experiences with any of the following. *Only if you feel comfortable sharing*, please circle any of the following items that apply to your lived experience:

- a. Foster care
- b. Formal court involvement (juvenile justice system)
- c. Any disability
- d. Mental health struggles or trauma
- e. Poverty
- f. English as a second language
- g. Pregnant or parenting
- h. LGBTQIA+

Health & Wellness

What do Columbus youth need to be both mentally and physically healthy? Are there particular types of programs or services you recommend? (Please see next page)

Housing

What do Columbus youth need to have safe, affordable, and comfortable housing? Are there particular types of programs or services you recommend?

Education

What do Columbus youth need to engage in school or to develop skills needed for employment? Are there any types of programs or services you recommend?

Workforce

What do Columbus youth need to find and maintain well-paying, meaningful, and secure jobs? Are there any types of programs or services you recommend?

Civic Engagement

What do Columbus youth need to become more involved in their communities or to exercise their right to vote? Are there any types of programs or services you recommend?

Support Systems

What do Columbus youth need to form meaningful connections with others around them? Are there any types of programs or services you recommend?

Post Focus-Group Opportunities:

If you were compensated for your time and provided with transportation, would you be interested in sharing more of your thoughts on how to best help youth transitioning to adulthood by serving on a youth advisory board to the Mayor of Columbus?

If yes, could you provide us with an email address so that we can contact you at a later date?

Is there anything you would like to add to the focus group discussion or this survey that you did not yet get a chance to say?

