Movement Focus Group Question Guide

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and member programs across the state are working to improve the services that we provide to survivors of domestic violence, and we’re seeking input from survivors to help us get it right. We’ve collected advice from survivors from all different walks of life, and from all over Indiana. We’ve gotten some recommendations about new and different ways to support survivors, and we are asking your group to help generate more ideas about things that we might be able to do differently to better meet survivors’ needs.

To help us get the most out of your advice, we plan to record today’s conversation, then to have the full conversation typed out by a professional company. Your confidentiality will be protected throughout this process. We’ll use your advice in our report and also with the programs that we develop, but we will never include any names or identifying information.

Facilitator note: after you provide the above introduction, please pass out the consent forms. After those are completed and collected, let participants know that you will now begin recording the session. Begin recording and asking the questions below. Our goal is for participants to talk with one another and to generate new ideas through those conversations. Try to let conversations unfold naturally with a little bit of redirecting if things stray too far from the original question.

1. If you were to start from scratch in designing services for families who have experienced domestic violence, what would you create?
   - For victims
   - For children

2. Who are the people and places that you get support from in the community?

3. Can you think of other things that communities can do to support safety and success for all of us?

4. How do you think that communities should hold people who behave abusively accountable?
   - Possible prompt if needed: Currently, the criminal justice system (police, courts) is what we use the most to respond to abuse. Can you think of other things that we could do to hold people accountable or to help them change?

5. Is there anything else that anyone would like to share, or advice that you have for us before we close our conversation?