



BOUNCING QUESTIONS ACTIVITY

Focus: Youth get to know each other by asking questions

Materials:

- Chair for each person
- A ball that bounces (such as a rubber ball or ping pong ball)

Activity Instructions:

Have young people form a circle with the chairs in the room, then ask them to sit in the circle while you explain the activity. You're going to say one person's name, ask a question and bounce a ball toward that person. That person will then answer the question.

Questions could include:

- Which after-school activity do you enjoy best?
- Who supports you most?
- Which school subject is most interesting to you?
- Who is in your family?

If youth don't know each other well and aren't outgoing, choose one question that each person should answer. After a while, switch to another question. That way focus on learning each other's names instead of having to learn someone's name and come up with a question.

Once one young person has answered the question, he or she then says another person's name in the circle, asks a question, and bounces the ball toward that person. Keep doing this until everyone has had multiple turns.

Discussion Questions:

- Is it easy or hard to learn people's names? Why?
- How often do you find yourself in situations where you don't know people's names? What do you do?
- How does it feel when people use your name when they talk to you?
- Why is it important to learn people's names?