

WORKSHEET: TAKING STOCK OF EXISTING DATA

Now that you have your list of evaluation questions, lead the group through a discussion of data you already have and data you need. Fill out the information on the following sheet. This will help you focus your resources on the gaps in your data.

	EVALUATION QUESTIONS	DATA YOU ALREADY HAVE	DATA YOU NEED
Youth characteristics and program activity			
Program-level information			
Youth outcomes			
Community impact			

DEVELOPING INDICATORS

On many occasions, families across the country sit down together for a delicious meal. Often, the prominent feature of that meal is a plump, juicy turkey. Earlier that morning, the person responsible for preparing the meal most likely cleaned the uncooked bird, positioned it in a roasting pan, and placed it in a heated oven. Although experienced chefs know how they will determine when the turkey is ready to eat, others will have to decide on the *indicator* of doneness they will use.

Perhaps the most reliable indicator of doneness is the internal temperature of the meat, as measured by a meat thermometer inserted into the flesh of the bird. In the absence of a meat thermometer, some people will simply roast the turkey at a particular temperature for a specified number of minutes per pound. Others determine doneness by manipulating the connective tissues in the leg joints. Some will simply cook the turkey until it is golden brown. Some food manufacturers make it easy on the cook by inserting a small plastic device into the bird. When the turkey is done, an *indicator* pops out of the device.

You can certainly look at a number of indicators to figure out when a turkey is ready to eat. But what does all this have to do with community building?