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Student Health Needs Survey Focus Group Questions

Welcome and thank you very much for participating in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. All of the information that is gathered here today will be used in the development of health programs for the schools in your community. Now I would like to ask you a few additional questions in a focus group format. Focus group is a casual format where each one of you can provide additional information based on your own opinions and wishes relating to health education programs and services that may be provided in your school. All of your comments are confidential.

Ground Rules for the Focus Group

1. In focus groups there are a lot of different opinions. There are no right or wrong answers – just your own opinions. That's OK. This isn't school and I am not here to give the "right answers" because there are none. I just want to know what you think.
2. It's OK to react to each other's comments. Some of you may agree with each other and some of you may disagree.
3. Let's all try to respect each other's different cultural values, beliefs and opinions. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions so it is very important that everyone be heard.
4. Please try to talk one at a time so the group hears your opinions. We don't want to miss what you're saying. If people start side conversations with their neighbors we miss out on what's being shared.
5. All of your comments are confidential. What we say in this room stays in this room. Can everyone agree with that?
6. Your participation is voluntary. You can say "pass" on a question that is uncomfortable for you if you like.

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1. How did you like taking the survey? (Please get comments from several students.)

