

Military-Connected Youth Town Hall Series

Fall 2022 Edition

Breakout Room Facilitator Guide

After arriving in Breakout Room:

1. As room facilitator, you may want to make your Zoom view gallery so you can see everyone
2. Introduce yourself as the facilitator and thank participants for taking time out of their schedules to provide input. Their input is valuable in helping us understand the unique issues facing military connected youth.
3. Introduce the note taker and share that the conversation will be documented on a Google doc (reassure participants that comments will be kept anonymous and that the notes will not identify the person who made the comment)
 - a. Link to **sample** google doc (you'll receive your actual Google doc link later):
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e1pryHn_8KZgtDc7qdERjWHs1gLbHQGLJ_5aFCahRUE/edit?usp=sharing
4. If you have any questions while in the breakout room, use the help button on the bottom of your screen to alert the facilitators in the main room.
5. You should spend about 9 minutes on each of the five questions
6. You will receive guidance from the main room with updates on when you should definitely have moved on to the next question (A blue note will appear on the top of your screen)
7. With 5 minutes left in the breakout room, you may want to pause and allow time for your note taker to review what was said and decide on a spokesperson for your room
8. Thank the participants again.
9. You will be moved automatically back to the main room, so do not worry.

Questions to ask participants:

1. What is something significant that has changed for you in the past two years?
 - a. Probing question: What is something good/a positive change that happened? Something that makes you proud? (Note if there is a second probing question)
2. What has been your largest source of stress over the past year?
 - a. Probing question: At home, with friends, with school?
 - b. Acute or generalized? (e.g., did this happen to you/someone you know, or are your stressors more general?)
3. What do you need from the adults in your life in order to feel supported and set up for success?
 - a. Probing question: From your parents? Educators? Youth program leaders? Etc.?
4. How have your feelings about school changed over time?
 - a. Probing question: Are you as engaged now as you once were? More engaged? What do you appreciate about school? What things about school cause you anxiety or negative feelings?
 - b. Does being a military connected youth bring a unique perspective to that?
5. What would you like the adults in your life to know and understand about your experience as we move forward?
 - a. Probing question: Describe how being military connected has shaped your experience.