ENDNOTES


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19. The focus of this toolkit is to build capacity of youth and adults so that youth can become full partners in community transformation efforts. It was specifically designed for the U.S. context, but many of the principles, activities, and resources can be applied in other contexts or countries. Depending on the vulnerability of the youth, their developmental stage and experience, and the readiness of the community, it may be more appropriate to engage young people as resources or recipients of program and community transformation efforts, at least initially. The ultimate goal is to help young people to exercise their full rights of participation. Depending on the community, achieving this may be a developmental process over time.


23. According to the United Nations, the definition of child is “every human being under the age of 18.” In the U.S., we define youth as “a young person from adolescence into their transition to adulthood, generally between the ages of 12 and 21.” The ending date can be fluid and depends on the actual timing of the young person’s “transition of adulthood.” The timing of this transition varies by community and individual. In the case of this toolkit, youth may substantially overlap the definition of child (under age 18).

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26. This activity has been adapted from methods developed by the Institute of Cultural Affairs and their Technology of Participation™ or ToP. For more detailed information, refer to ICA at www.ica-usa.org.

27. For more resources on the planning approaches and tools, please refer www.wvdevelopment.org. Go to “Program Tools,” and then “community engagement.”