Assessment Exercise

1. From knowledge of your respective community, please answer the following questions:
	1. What are the strengths of your community?
	2. What are the main issues your community is facing?
	3. What resources are available in your community?
	4. What resources are missing from your community?
2. Discuss what political, economic, sociological, technological, legal, religious, and environmental realities impact the community. These may be unique to your particular community or the metropolitan area in general.
3. Discuss which strengths and resources in your community could be used to tackle some of the issues identified above.
4. As a team, and recognizing that each community has its own unique issues, decide on ONE issue that you would like to focus on moving forward.
5. When you begin planning how you will address the issue, think about the following:
6. What lies at the heart of the issue? What is the root cause of the problem?
7. What does your “target audience” (beneficiaries) have to say about the issue? What would they like to see?
8. What resources (skills, funding, personnel, space, etc.) do you have to put towards that issue?
9. What “best practices” can be replicated to address the issue?
10. How are youth actively engaged in addressing the issue?
11. What outcomes are you looking to see from your work? How will you measure them?