

# United Way of Portage County

## Community Conversations Question Guide



### **1. What kind of a community do you want?**

- Why is that important?
- How is that different from the way things are now?

### **2. Given what we just said, what are the 2-3 things you think are standing in the way of the kind of community you want?**

- Why do you say that?
- How do you think things got to be this way?

### **3. How do these issues we're talking about affect you personally?**

- What personal experiences have you had?
- How about people around you – family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, others – what do you see them experiencing?
- Are some people affected more than others? Who? In what ways? Why?

### **4. What do you think it means to have a good life?**

- Why do you say that?
- Why is that important to you?

### **5. What kind of community would you need for everyone to have the chance at a good life?**

- Why do you say that?
- Why is that important to you?

### **6. What kinds of things are keeping us from having this kind of community?**

- Have you experienced these things?
- Why do you think they're important?

### **6a. Thinking about young people, in particular ones that have dropped out of school or don't have a job right now, what do you think is keeping them from having a chance at a good life?**

### **6b. How does this affect the community we live in?**

### **6c. What do you think could be done to work on these issues?**

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- What role do the young people have?
- What role do we as individuals have?
- What roles do others groups like businesses, the government, and organizations have?

### **7. When you think about everything we've talked about, what do you think could be done to would make a difference?**

- What do you think these things might accomplish?
- How about in terms of individuals: What are the kinds of things that individuals can do to make a difference?
- What could others be doing, like businesses, the government, and other groups?
- What do you make of what other people say should be done?

### **8. Thinking back over the conversation, who do you trust to take action on the issues you've been talking about?**

- Why them and not others?

### **9. Now that we've talked about this issue a bit, what questions do you have about it?**

- What do you feel you'd like to know more about that would help you make better sense of what's going on and what should be done?
- What kind of follow-up would you like out of this discussion?