Best Practices for Engaging Your Target Populations

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| Consent process for target population | Obtain written parental consent (active or inactive) before engaging youth Obtain written youth assent before administering the survey | Using the "Adult Consent Form," obtain verbal or written consent before administering the survey | Using the "Adult Consent Form," obtain verbal or written consent before administering the survey |
| Select places to find target population | Grocery stores Malls/shopping centers Churches Library After-school programs Sporting events Parks or playgrounds Fairs/festivals Schools | Grocery stores Malls/shopping centers Churches Library DMV Wal-Mart Fairs/festivals Civic buildings High schools, colleges, universities | Grocery stores Laundromats Churches Car Wash DMV Wal-Mart Fairs/festivals Civic buildings Town hall meeting Colleges/universities |
| Things to keep in mind regarding target population | May prefer to take the online survey (many can still complete it in your presence with smart phones, laptops, iPads, etc.) Try to prevent parents from assisting youth in completing the survey Encourage parent/guardian to complete a survey also | Females are more willing to participate in surveys than males, so try to recruit a balanced sample May prefer to take the online survey (many can still complete it in your presence with smart phones, laptops, iPads, etc.) | Females and older individuals are more likely to participate in surveys than males and younger individuals, so try to recruit a balanced sample Consider having a place for respondents to sit while they complete the survey, especially if they are elderly or disabled |