YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, MOTIVATION, AND BELIEFS SURVEY
Belonging and Engagement Module

DEFINITION
This module assesses the experiences that young people have in programs. Specifically, it asks about young people’s sense of belonging in the program context, and engagement in program activities.

ITEMS AND RESPONSE OPTIONS

| Prompt: This survey is confidential. Read each of the following statements and decide how true they are for you. |
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| Variable | Description | Coding |
| BE_FitIn | I fit in at this program | “1” = Not at all true  
“2” = Somewhat true  
“3” = Mostly true  
“4” = Completely true |
| BE_FeelProud | I feel proud to be part of my program | “1” = Not at all true  
“2” = Somewhat true  
“3” = Mostly true  
“4” = Completely true |
| BE_Adults | The adults in this program take the time to get to know me | “1” = Not at all true  
“2” = Somewhat true  
“3” = Mostly true  
“4” = Completely true |
| BE_Relevancy | What we do in this program will help me succeed in life | “1” = Not at all true  
“2” = Somewhat true  
“3” = Mostly true  
“4” = Completely true |
| BE_Excited | There are things happening in this program that I feel excited about | “1” = Not at all true  
“2” = Somewhat true  
“3” = Mostly true  
“4” = Completely true |
| BE_NewIdeas         | This program helps me explore new ideas | “1” = Not at all true  
|                    |                                           | “2” = Somewhat true  
|                    |                                           | “3” = Mostly true    
|                    |                                           | “4” = Completely true |
| BE_NewSkills       | This program helps me build new skills   | “1” = Not at all true  
|                    |                                           | “2” = Somewhat true  
|                    |                                           | “3” = Mostly true    
|                    |                                           | “4” = Completely true |
| BE_Important        | What we do in this program is important to me | “1” = Not at all true  
|                    |                                           | “2” = Somewhat true  
|                    |                                           | “3” = Mostly true    
|                    |                                           | “4” = Completely true |
| BE_Challenging      | What we do in this program is challenging in a good way | “1” = Not at all true  
|                    |                                           | “2” = Somewhat true  
|                    |                                           | “3” = Mostly true    
|                    |                                           | “4” = Completely true |

**NOTES**

Items adapted from several measures of youth belonging in youth development programs (e.g. Anderson-Butcher & Conroy, 2002; Smith et. al., 2012).

*Scale statistics are based on a pilot administration of this survey in April-May of 2015; Item means, standard deviations, and Cronbach’s alpha statistic (α) are calculated using SPSS. All are averaged across scale items for respondents who provided valid answers for all items within the scale.

**SOURCE INFORMATION**
