# FACILITATOR GUIDELINE FOR GROUP INTERVIEW/ORIENTATION

# GOAL: Set expectations for interview process

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# Brief welcome and introduction should address

- Purpose and expectations of group interview process
- Establish interview structure ("stand-up & state name")

PT 1: INTRODUCTION (Time: 25-35 min)

- Organizational Facts/Content/Overview
- Mission & goals of Workshop
- Assess participants' motivation for attending

### Sample Facilitator Questions to Ask Interviewees:

- Why did you decide to come to group interview this morning?
- What are the top characteristic that employers are looking for in a quality employee?
- If you are getting paid to receive all this training, skills, and support, what do you think is expected from you?
- How does an interviewer tell you that you that you didn't get the job?

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# GOAL: Build trust and offer "Big Picture"

 Open with either staff or guest participant testimony that speaks to overcoming barriers to achieve success

### Sample Facilitator Questions to Ask Interviewees:

PT 2: IDENTIFICATION (Time: 25-35 min)

- "What do you want to change about YOUR life? (depending on participant domino effect, this question could dominate entire session)
- What life strengths or skills are you most proud of?
- How can your life skills be used to achieve employment and career success?

# PT 3: EMPLOYMENT RULES AND TOOLS (25-35 min)

# GOAL: Provide useful information that might be unknown; Provide opportunity for "quiet" interviewees to speak up

Personal Intro and Role in Workshop

### Some Facilitator Questions to Ask Interviewees:

- What do employers look for when reviewing job applications?
- What is a Resume? Why is it important?
- What is a Cover Letter? Why is it important?
- What is a thank you letter? Why is it important
- For a young job seeker looking into entry-level positions, what is more important: Attitude or work experience?
- Why is your attitude your most important tool?

# PT 4: PASSING INTERVIEW/KEEPING JOB (25-35 min)

# GOAL: Provide window into internship opportunities; Give understanding of broader career picture

- Personal Intro and Role of Job/Worksite Developer
- For those who GRADUATE, outline what could be expected from Job Development staff

### Some Facilitator Questions to Ask Interviewees:

- What do you think are some of the career benefits of being accepted into & graduating this worksop/internship? (i.e., job placements, credential on resume, skils, reference letters)
- What will Job Developers expect from participants before they are referred to an internship?
- What are some of the qualities that employers look during a job interview?
- What are some of the qualities that employers look for that help you keep your job and get promoted?

## PT 5: LAST CALL TO PASS THIS INTERVIEW (30 - 45 min)

# GOAL: Have all participants show a commitment to initiative before beginning first day

Personal Intro and Role in Program

 Review of previous question in Part 1: "How does an interviewer tell you that you that you didn't get the job?"

## Some Facilitator Questions to Ask Interviewees:

 "Why should you pass this interview and be accepted into the workshop?"

After question is ADEQUATELY answered by each interviewee, write their name on flipchart as all staff & participants should applaud entry into the workshop (for those who have struggled throughout the interview process, have higher-performing participants assist them)

### PT 6: ADDRESSING Q'S & OUTSTANDING ISSUES

(15 - 20 min in group; may be longer for individuals)

- Congratulate again for entry into Blueprint workshop
- Clearly state the afternoon workshop meeting hours and make sure that no scheduling conflicts exist
- Make sure that any individual participant barriers such as Professional Clothing, Transportation, Child Care or other concerns are addressed. (first see how other group members or "co-workers" can assist)
- Be clear that all participants will be given Action
   Tasks to be completed before next day's workshop.

  Assign First Action Task for the Next day: Essay on "What would I like to change about my life?"
- If any individual did not have an individual intake interview prior to group interview, have them do so with a staff member.
- Any final questions?