

General Notes and Acknowledgements

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General Suggestions for the Meetings

- + Meetings will begin and end on time.
- + Any personal information or stories shared in the meeting are confidential and will not be shared outside the meeting.
- + Care will be taken to see that all participants are listened to and everyone is encouraged to speak- no hogging the floor.
- + Probing questions and disagreements are acceptable when expressed with care and respect.
- + Participants agree to complete simple preparations for each session they attend.
- + Seating participants in a circle of chairs is best for discussion, but an open space which allows rearrangement of chairs for viewing PowerPoint/Video aids is also helpful.
- + Healthy refreshments are optional but often help create a sense of community.

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