

Choosing An Issue Worksheet

Now that we have the Community Outreach results, we need to start thinking about what issues are important to the community and to us. Remember, the **problem** is the big thing that's wrong (like cars going too fast on the street in front of the school). The **issue** is the thing we can work on together to fix it (like getting a crossing guard or a stop sign so the children can cross safely). Be sure you identify an issue - something we can work on together to address a problem in the community.

In choosing which issue you want to work on consider these questions:

1. How will working on this issue build leadership on our team?
2. How will working on this issue help the community?
3. How will working on this issue build relationships within the community?
4. How will working on this issue get people into action?
5. How will working on this issue impact real change?

ISSUE WE CHOSE:

SIX-MONTH GOAL FOR THIS ISSUE:
what will the team have won — be specific, measurable and realistic:

If you complete these questions and are ready to move on to the next part of your planning, consider these questions as well:

6. What are the resources already here that we are building upon?
7. What are the obstacles to accomplishing our goal - who will try to stop us?