

Session Three

Make it Mean Something

Scenario E

In your community, there are no safe and well-kept parks where young people can play and community members can gather for leisure. Many people in the community have been known to travel a great distance to play outdoors, picnic, ride bikes, and even take walks. Everyone talks about what a shame it is that the old community park is run-down and not fit for use, but no one has done anything about it. Participants and volunteers in the local Big Brother/Big Sister organization have decided that this is an issue they want to address. Help them to design a program that will allow them to address the issue, possibly collaborate with others in the community, and have a meaningful leadership experience for themselves.

Be prepared to address the following questions when you present your program to the group:

- Why was this experience created?
- Does it meet the needs and desires expressed by the youth group? How?
- What are the youth members in the group responsible for?
- What are the adult leaders in the group responsible for?
- Would you consider this a transactional leadership process or a transformational one? Why?
- Is this experience meeting a community need?
- Is this experience being done in partnership with another community organization or entity?