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# STUDENT-LED RESEARCH PLAN

### Group members:

Please write the names of your group members here (including their PARK ELA class period):

Nidia Tapia (Park ELA ½) (Surya per.8) Sofia Barrows (Park ELA ¾ ) Emily Guillen (Park ELA ½) (Surya per.8)

### Driving Question:

What is your driving question? Please type it out below.

How do the changes that foster children face impact their mental health?

## Interview

Who are you planning on interviewing? Please write their name, occupation, and email address.

Andrea Guillen, Senior Social Worker, andrea.guillen@ssa.ocgov.com

How are you going to contact them? Are they a family friend, someone you know, a relative, a friend's parent, a teacher's friend? A stranger? If so, how will you contact the stranger and what will you say? (If you are emailing, your mentor must approve the email and you must make sure your mentor is cc'd to the email. If you are meeting someone, you MUST be accompanied with an adult like a parent or older sibling who is 18 or older. If you are calling, you MUST have a mentor or adult in the room with you as you call.)

She is Emily's Aunt and we are planning to email her work email.

#### When do you plan on conducting the interview?

As soon as Mrs. Park approves it, during an after school mentorship.

#### What are the 5 questions that you will ask the person?

- Do you believe the children receive enough medical attention in the system?
- What are some common troubles that the children in the foster care system face throughout their experiences? Do you believe that these children are given enough attention? If no, what are the systems or issues that may get in the way of giving these kids enough attention?
- What would be some reasons that foster kids might develop a type of mental health issue such as anxiety, depression, or other problems?
- How do the experiences that foster kids face affect what their future will be like once they get out of the system?
- Do you think kids in foster care are more at risk for mental health issues than other children that are not in the system?

#### How do your interview questions help investigate the DRIVING QUESTION?

It gives us a different point of view from the people involved within the system and an insight on what really happens throughout the child's experiences.

#### What are the limitations or possible flaws of your interview?

A possible flaw is that she doesn't deal with only foster care and isn't with the same children all the time.