

## Activity: Session 13 The Importance of School

**Objective:** The purpose of this activity is to provide participants with the benefits of completing high school and continuing their education.

### Materials needed

- Large pieces of paper
- Markers

### Sign In and Welcome

Mentors should greet their protégés and show them where to sign in.

### Warm Up Discussion

- Why is school necessary?
- Why do you think students sometimes dislike going to school?
- Why would some students rather stay at home than go to school?

### Group Activity: "Group Brainstorming"

In teams of 4 brainstorm on butcher paper two lists:

What can happen if you drop out of school?

What can happen if you graduate from school?

Choose one person from each team (preferable a protégé) to report a few items on each list to the whole group.

### One-on-One Time

- Do you know anyone who has dropped out of school? If so, what is their life like now?
- Do you know anyone who goes to college?
- Do the lists we brainstormed about earlier make you think about what is the better path to take? Explain.
- Do all the positive things that can happen to you if you graduate make you want to stay in school? Why or why not?
- Do you think it's important to try your best and do well in school? Why?
- What are your hopes for your future? To achieve those goals will you need to finish school? Explain.

## Group Activity

- Either in teams of 4 or in one-on-one matches discuss each person's career goals or dreams for their future. If some people don't have any career plans yet, help them brainstorm some possibilities they might enjoy.
- Discuss the necessary steps each person will need to take to reach those goals.

## Wrap Up and closure

- What was something new you learned today?
- Had you ever thought about your goals before? Was it good to talk about them and think about what you need to do to achieve your goals?

Thank everyone for their participation.