

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS INITIATIVE
MONTHLY REPORT (June 21st) Econ. Development**

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VI. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Forged by a partnership between the Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement (OBME) and the Community College of Philadelphia's Center for Male Engagement, the Community Conversations Initiative is a platform to engage Philadelphians and leaders who work for / with our communities. The initiative is a monthly forum where community members and leaders discuss challenges, opportunities, and solutions that address dismantling inequities that impact the lives of men and boys of color in the city.

In general, the Community Conversations Initiative focuses on discussions that include but are not limited to:

- Education
- Justice
- Health/Wellness
- **Economic Development**

The Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement is dedicated to closing the opportunity divide for men & boys of color.

The Community College of Philadelphia values community engagement and service as an important part of its mission. The institution addresses broad economic, cultural and political concerns in the city and beyond through a variety of community service initiatives.

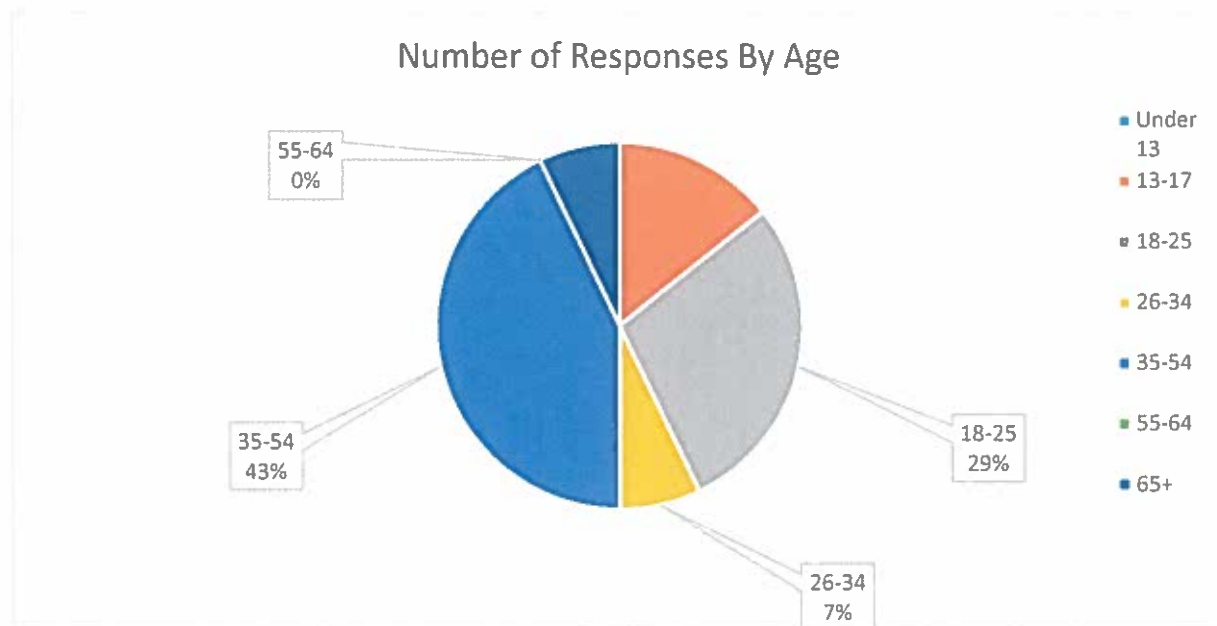
HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES (resource tables present at Conversation):

- Community College of Philadelphia – 10,000 Small businesses
<http://www.ccp.edu/business-and-industry/goldman-sachs-10000-small-businesses-program>

PANELISTS : MODERATOR – DR. Wayne Williams (Community College of Philadelphia, Prof. & Administrator of 10,000 Small Businesses- CCP), **Keith Ellison** (Urban League Philadelphia), **Michael Robinson** (Human Resources Administrator – Director – Temple University), **Michael Johnson** (Student, Community College of Philadelphia – Entrepreneur)

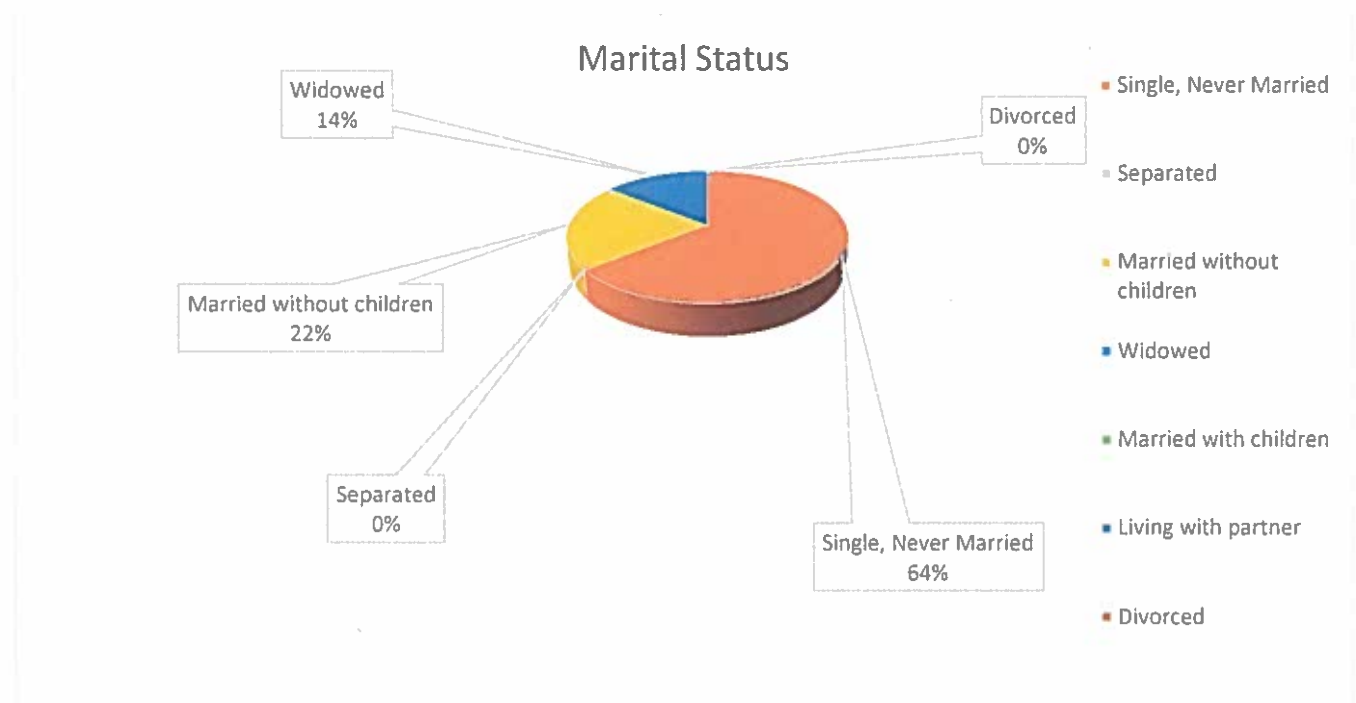
SURVEY RESULTS (FROM PARTICIPANTS):

AGE RANGE: (SEE CHART)



- *(Age Range chart - figure 1) The majority of people in attendance in June were 35-54 yrs. old.*

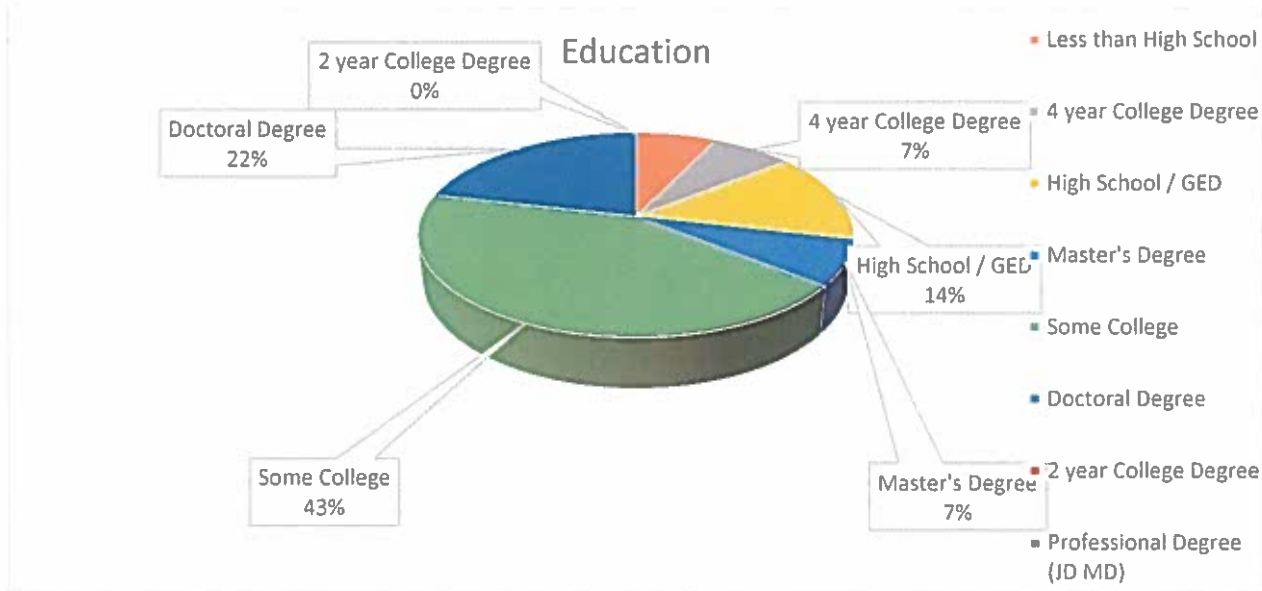
CURRENT MARITAL STATUS: (SEE CHART)



- *(Marital Status Chart – figure 2) The majority of people in attendance were Single (never married).*

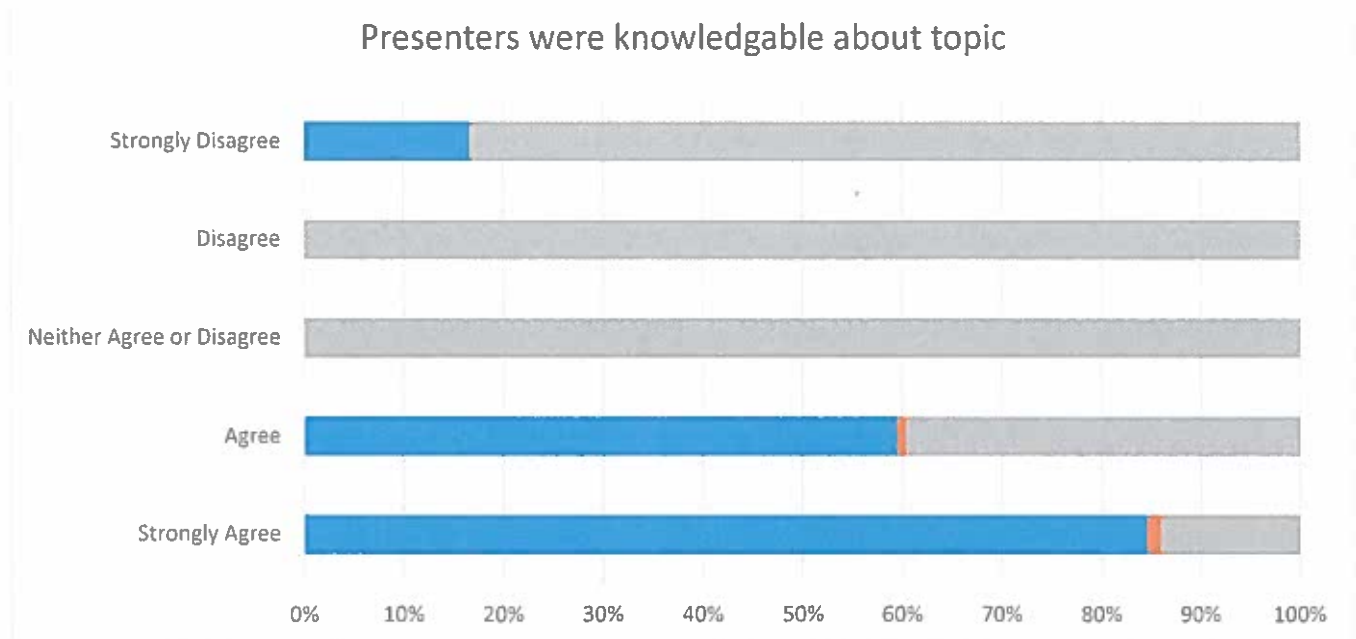


HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION: (SEE CHART)

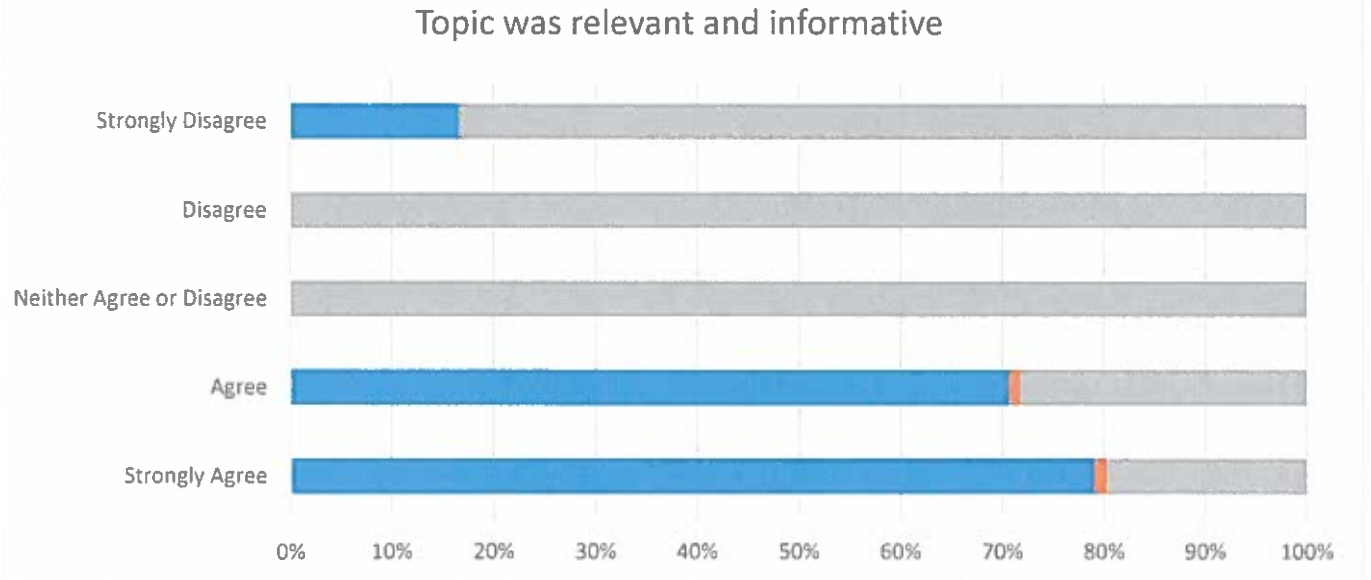


- *(Education Chart – figure 3) Even split of people in attendance who earned a Doctoral degree or had some College*

RESULTS FROM COMMUNITY SURVEY



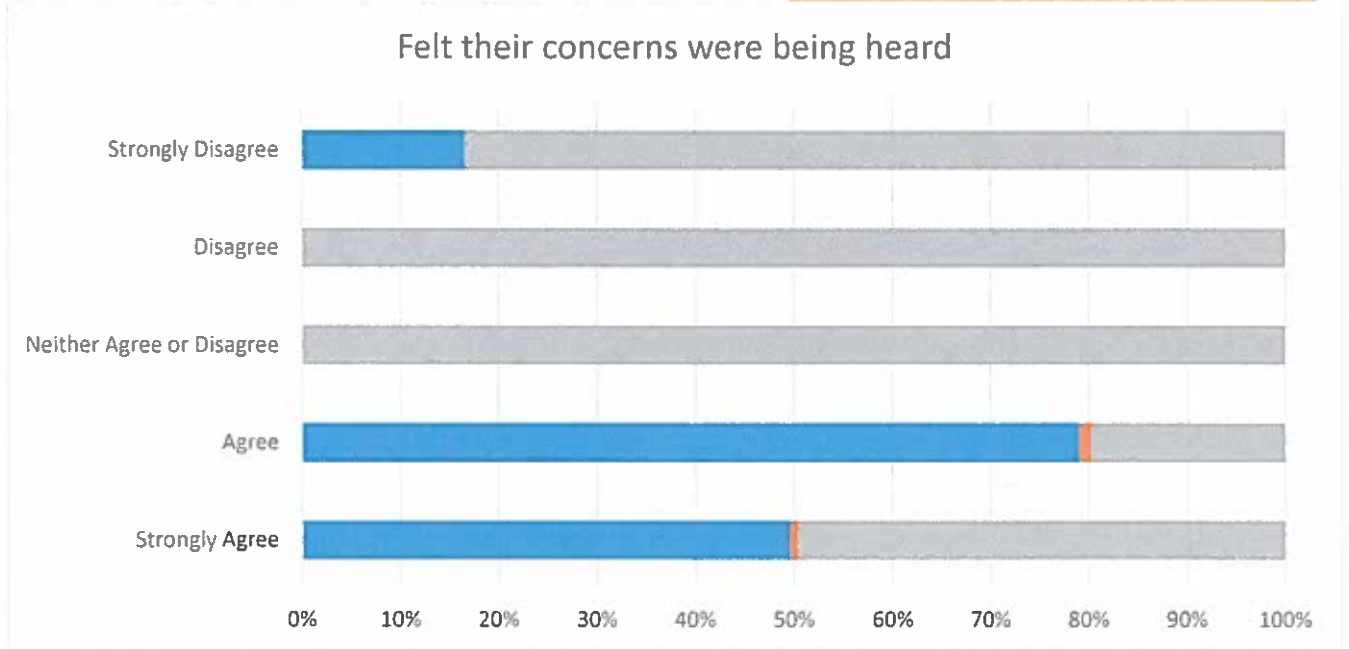
- *(Presenters Knowledge chart – figure 4) The majority of people in attendance agreed and strongly agreed that the presenters were knowledgeable about the topic*



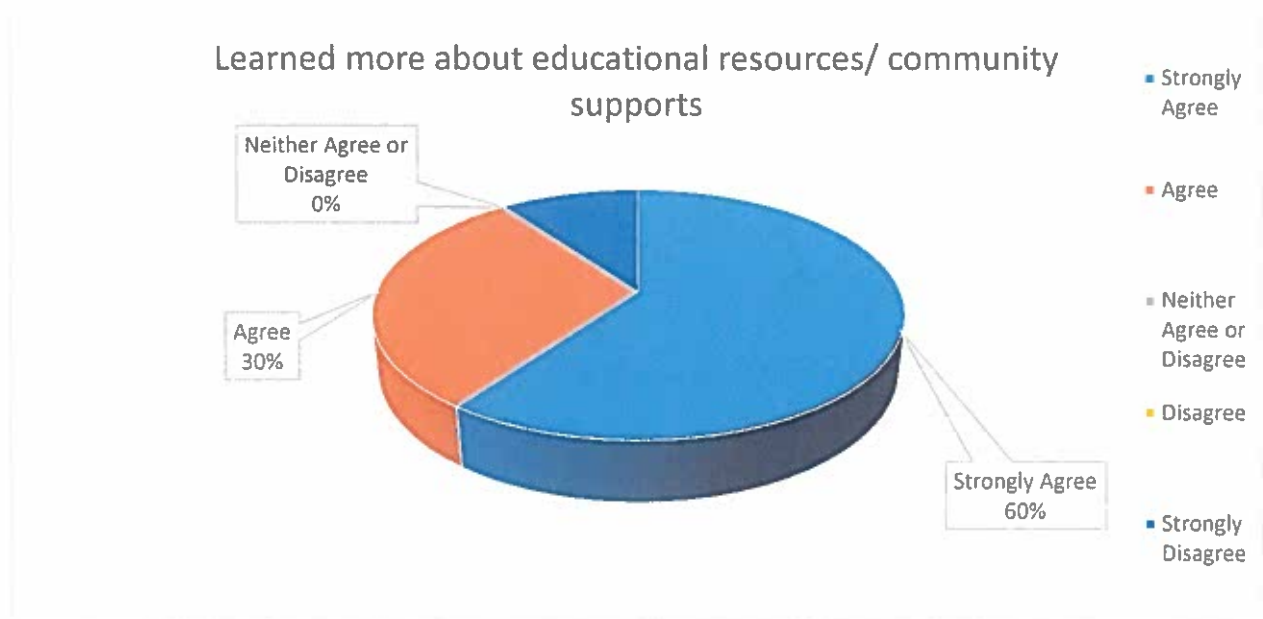
- *(Topic relevance chart – figure 5) Most people agreed or strongly agreed that the topic was relevant and informative.*



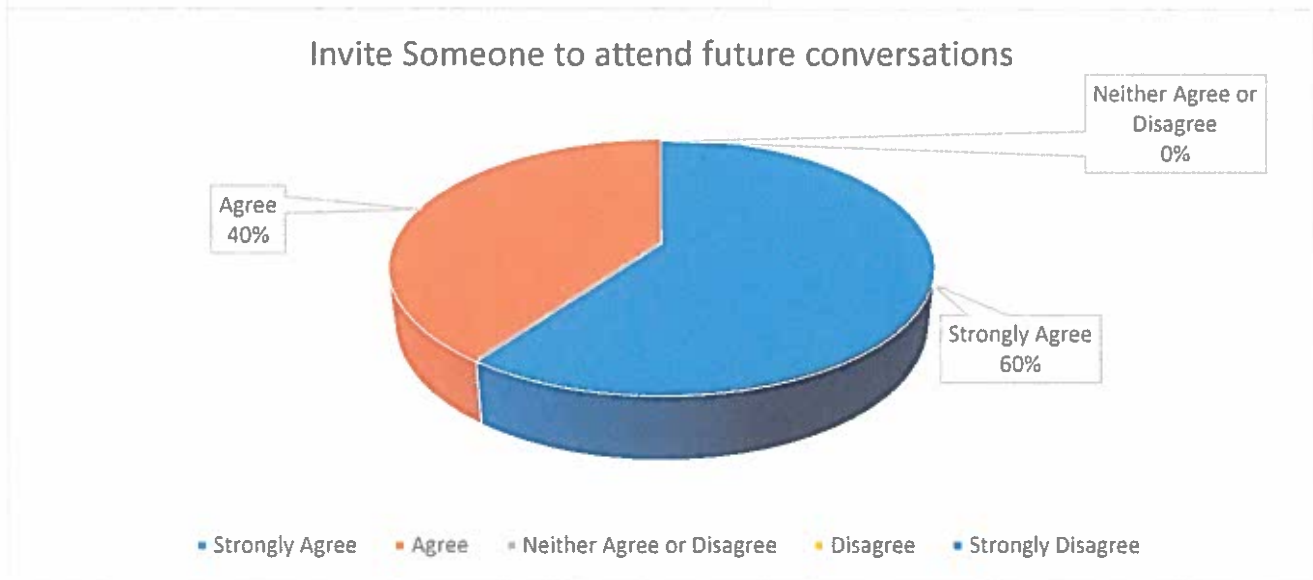
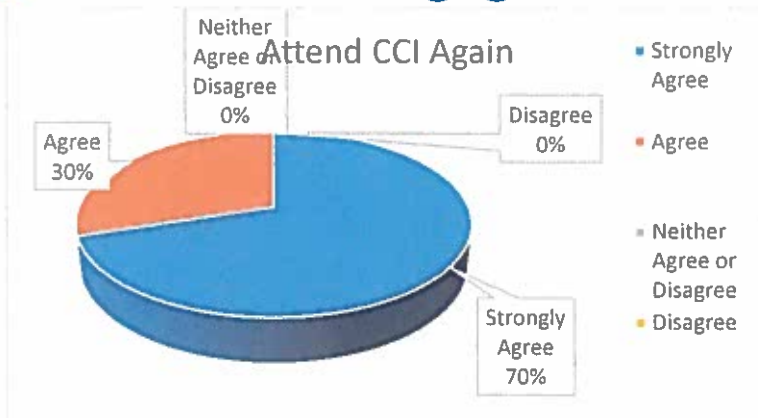
- *(Encouraged to participate chart – figure 6) Most people agreed or strongly agreed that they were encouraged to participate in the discussion.*



- *(Concerns were being heard chart – figure 7) Most people agreed or strongly agreed that they “felt their concerns were being heard,” but some community members disagreed that they were being heard.*



- *(Resources chart) Most people agreed or strongly agreed that they learned more about educational resources, but some participants disagreed that they learned more about educational resources.*



- *(Attendance & Recommendations to Community Conversations Charts – figures 9 & 10) Most people agreed or strongly agreed that they would attend again and recommend folks to future community conversations.*

Based on the Needs, Resources, and Solutions brought forth by the attending Community members, we will continue to gather suggestions and recommendations to report out information to stakeholders in efforts to advance the academic, economic, health & wellbeing, and social/ criminal justice awareness towards a transformed narrative for men and boys of color in the city of Philadelphia. Please carefully read the suggestions as each are given by a fellow Philadelphian who support men and boys of color in the city and realize that we are better, together.

The Following is a list of results from the community regarding their Needs, Resources, and Solutions around the theme of the discussion (Education)

Needs	Resources/Supports	Solutions
Active recreation center activities		
Financial Literacy, Credit Education		Financial & Credit Education
Higher paying jobs, More skilled workforce	Schools, Recreational Centers	
Unemployment, Poverty		
Access to capital, Financial literacy	Year up, Center for black male engagement, Powercorps	Resource guide, Bring more voices to this forum
After school programs, activities & sports. More educational programs targeting specific		



Jobs/Green jobs; Schools		
Financial		
Education @ younger ages; Debunking materialism; Decreasing stigma to make finances good to talk about	1199-C; Clarifi; Habitat for Humanity	Educating parents and children together; Reiterating that music and videos are fictional & for entertainment
We need affordable housing for seniors	The YMCA does a fair amount of work	Speak with researchers such as Harvard professor Roland G. Fryer Jr. about incentives and education
Lesson; Education; Access	Classes	Financial
Capital; Education; Access		Educational/ Financial; Financial Collective; Reinvestment in communities business & small business development
Recreational; School		Financial literacy classes; Socio Economic discussion
Financial literacy in public schools (mandatory); Integrated		



career development, K-12 (mandatory)		
The need to own more property/stores in our city; Educating our youth	Nonprofits; Workshop	More education for our youth
Better education; we need better nutrition; Also better health	It provides information advocacy	Start working after work and promote what we doing
Create survey asking people what is their area of expertise		
Supermarket; Clothing stores; more affordable housing		



Education; Employment; Help with racial empowerment		
Job training; High School mentoring programs		Utilize the community schools to get the training & resources to the community
Political Advocacy; Financial Literacy; Home/Business ownership	Workshops; Mentorship; Counseling on all levels; Leadership	Job opportunities; Networks
Re-entry putting 350k felons to work	OHCD; PACDC; Urban League; Commerce Dept.; CareerLink	