

“Board of Directors” Activity

- Have student(s) draw a rectangle in the middle of the page and draw six circles around it that are big enough to write a word in.
- Explain that this is the board of directors table for their lives:
 - Who sits at this table in their lives?
 - When you are going to make a decision, who are the people (and sometimes circumstances) that you consult when making a decision?
 - Who influences you?
- Let them start filling it out.
- The discussion ensues when they are finished:
 - Who is at the table?
 - Why are they there?
 - Would there be different people for different kinds of decisions? Why?
 - Who is NOT at the table, and why?
 - Are any of your responses to this question surprising?
 - Have you ever thought about who influences you?
 - Is your table lopsided in some way and why? (lots of people of the same age/gender/family/non-family/race/religion, etc.)
 - If you had to rank-order the people at the table, how would you do so?
 - What if you had to eliminate someone at the table?
 - Did you write your own name down in one of the seats? Why, or why not?
 - You could go on and on with questions, but in a group setting it often leads to its own questions because you can see the contrasts between different people....