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Session title: **Voices from the Future: youth vision session**

Note Taker: **Nicole Didero**

- Using “Theater view press” to make it easier to engage in points of intervention/civil dialogue.
- Pair up and find out the name, organization/school, favorite food, region of Colorado/town or city, what brought you here today.

**Key points of panel discussion** (these were “scenarios” played out by the youth in small groups in front of the whole group instead of a panel):

- (Note, the facilitator took photos of youth responses to large sticky notes about food systems involvement questions, ask them for these if you want them!)
1. SCENARIO: Farmer workers want increased pay, but farmers see decreased profits in overhead & distribution:
    - a. Point of intervention - Being back at the family farm after college made someone feel invalidated because production agriculture is something they feel people look down upon when people pour their lives into just to feed people. Changing the mindset about the value of farmers is important.
    - b. POI - Farm owner was very mean/demeaning in their approach to the workers who were advocating for their needs. Would have been better to use a tone of “the struggle is real for both of us”.
  2. SCENARIO: Friends want to go out to eat, but some can’t afford it, but still want to go. *(this was selected to be presented at the Summit overview at the end of the day)*
    - a. POI - There is a lot of shame around not having the money to do activities, so thinking about where someone might be coming from in terms of helping their needs: Parent cooks dinner for all the friends at home, group “super club”
  3. SCENARIO: Parents want the children to start running the ranch, and half the kids want to/half the kids don’t.
    - a. POI - The kids and parents could have worked on a strategic plan instead of getting so familiar/emotional about the subject.
  4. SCENARIO: Employee/student brings in cultural food that gets a really bad stigma about the smell/economic status.
    - a. POI - When someone brought up that the Chinese food was made of a dog this made the person who brought the food devalued. (The facilitator brought up that even though the audience laughed, it is a stigma about Chinese food that we should name is not fair/kind when being used as a mean joke). There was a comment about, “just eating American food”.
    - b. POI - The friends could have given the person bringing lunch more of a chance.
  5. SCENARIO: Immigrant workers wanting to apply for SNAP benefits but are afraid of getting deported.
    - a. POI - Hard for families to face the stigma of considering illegal behaviors when they are already being looked at as “illegal”.

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- b. POI - There is a lot of red tape around getting access to Federal programs