

# Youth and Policing in Cleveland

## A Discussion Guide for Community & Neighborhood Action

This discussion guide is intended to be used in conjunction with the short [Youth and Policing in Cleveland](#) video. After watching the video together, we encourage groups to consider the following questions to frame the conversation. You should feel free to address the questions in any order and/or to develop your own.



What interactions have you had personally with police? What are some ways you've seen police interact with youth negatively? Positively?

What impact do you believe this policy might have on the youth in your community? What factors will most influence that impact?

The Interactions with Youth policy calls for police to explore community options to deter involvement in the juvenile justice system. What options does our organization offer? How might we communicate those to police?

Police officers will be trained in appropriate deescalation techniques as part of the Interactions with Youth policy. What deescalation techniques have you found most effective? How do you share those with colleagues and/or parents?

Research has shown a lack of empathy for young people by some police officers and others in the community. How does our organization promote empathy internally? What other steps can we take to increase empathy for our kids outside our walls?

How can our organization increase awareness of the new CDP policy? Where can we share this video?

