BINGO! Collect Community-based Feedback

*This activity was adapted from the* [*National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)*](https://www.nicwa.org/)*.*

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| Activity Overview: BINGO! Collect Community-based Feedback (~60-120 minutes) |
| Activity Purpose: Bingo is a fun activity that can bring community members together in one place. Organizing a bingo night can be a great forum to collect community-based data that involves many community members—from youth to elders. Community-based data can be around any topic you are hoping to gather community input on. For example you can collect data on: cultural strengths, program feedback, services feedback, after-school activities, satisfaction surveys, community-needs assessment, health topics, feedback on youth data reports.  |
| Materials:* Bingo cards (number varies by number of people and number of games)
	+ *You can print out free bingo cards here:* [*http://myfreebingocards.com/numbers/1-75*](http://myfreebingocards.com/numbers/1-75)
* Bingo markers or daubers
* Individual slips of paper with each bingo number (75)
	+ *If you play more than one round, have 75 number slips for each round.*
* Survey or Feedback questions
* Pens (enough for each participant)
* Flipchart or whiteboard
* Markers
* Prizes (e.g. t-shirts, posters, coffee mugs, scarves, etc. Include one special ‘wild card’ prize)
* Thank you gifts (e.g. gift cards, coffee gift cards, museum passes, etc.)
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| Planning Process:* Location – consider locations that folks can get to easily, or places that folks regularly meet (e.g. elders’ center, community center, tribal building, library, or school)
* Transportation – consider offering or arranging for transportation if necessary
* Combined Events – consider if there are opportunities to combine with other community events like community dinners, Bingo hall/night, cultural nights, et cetera
* Refreshments – consider offering traditional foods and refreshments
* Opening Prayer – consider inviting an elder to open with a blessing or prayer
* Volunteers/ Helpers – 1) Facilitator/ Bingo Caller, 2) Distribute Materials, 3) Scribe
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| Preparations:* Print out slips of paper (75). On each slip of paper write or print one bingo number and leave one or two inches of blank space. Make sure that every bingo number is on a slip of paper. If you plan to play more than one round of bingo, you should print out number slips for each round (75 x the number of rounds= number of paper slips).
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| Activity Outline | **Activity Components**  | **Timing** |
| Welcome & Program Background | * Welcome Participants – Introduce Yourself & Your Project (e.g. program goals, what you’re collecting feedback for, how it will be used, etc.)
* Say, “It can’t be stressed enough how important and useful it is to get your feedback. Thank you for being willing to help us out. Rather than give you a boring survey or asking you questions, we thought it would be more fun to get your feedback through a game of Bingo”.
* Blessing/ Pray
 | 5 minutesTime varies |
| Bingo ! | * Instructions
* Procedures
 | 5 minutesTime varies |
| Closing | * Thank participants
* Distribute thank you gifts
 | 5 minutes |

**BINGO! Collect Community-based Feedback** Procedures

### Read Aloud Instructions (5 minutes)

* *You will be given numbered strips of paper. On these paper strips, please write your answers to the questions I’ll ask you. We will then collect these strips and mix them up in this large (insert: e.g. bowl, box, basket, etc.).*
* *Just like in regular Bingo, you will get a card and marker. I’ll then pull out one paper strip at a time. I’ll call out the number, you’ll mark it on your Bingo card, and we will record that answer on (insert: flipchart, whiteboard, etc.), until someone has Bingo. We’ll keep going until all the strips are called. The game will finish with a discussion on the feedback you all will have given. At this time, you’ll all have a chance to earn a ‘wild card’ which I’ll tell you about later.*
* *Just so you know, our Bingo prizes are (insert) and each of you will receive (insert) as a token of our appreciation for your feedback and time. Any questions before we start?*

### Procedures (time will vary)

1. **Hand out numbered slips of paper** (at least one per person).
2. **Hand out Pens.**
3. **Read out feedback questions.** Remind participants to write their answers on numbered paper strips.
4. **Collect the bingo slips** (when questions are finished), place them in a large bowl, and mix them up.
5. **Hand out bingo boards and daubers (markers).**
6. **Draw & Call Out bingo slips** and read the answer written on the slip.
7. **Record Answers** (i.e. on a flip chart, or whiteboard) where everyone can see.

\*Having an assistant do this can be very helpful to move the action along. When duplicate activities are listed add a check or hash mark to indicate the duplication.

1. **Continue to Draw Slips until there is a winner(s).**
2. **Offer a prize to the winner(s).**

\*Repeat the drawing until all of the slips have been drawn. When the last of the bingo numbers are drawn you may not yet have a winner and there will likely be more data to gather.

1. **Discussion Time.** When finished, tell group they now have a chance to earn their “wild card” numbers to complete bingo.
	1. Ask the group to review the list that has been generated. Report out on the numbers and types of activities.
	2. Ask if this seems right.
	3. Ask if anything is missing.
	4. Award each person who offers an additional activity a “wild card” to place on any bingo number.
	5. Continue until you have a winner.
	6. Ask the group if there is anything else that should be added to the data.
	7. Take a few minutes to discuss the data and ask if there are any impressions and to talk about why people listed these things.
	8. Talk about what is important to people.
	9. Take notes and use them to help make sense of the data later…and to show you value their feedback.

### Closing

* Thank participants for their time and for playing along and providing their valuable feedback. Remind them what for and how you will be using their feedback.
* Distribute thank you gifts.
* Leave your contact information and provide any relative communication about next meeting, upcoming newsletter, etc.