

Mini Groups

Intro: For this group exercise, rather than just focusing on one topic or activity, the group will participate in a series of short mini activities with everyone in the group getting a chance to work on an original idea.

<u>Directions</u>: Depending upon the size of the group, the objective is to come up with a series of 10 minute "mini activities". Start by breaking the group up into smaller mini groups of 2 or three people in each mini group (depending upon how many people are present. If the group is very large, you may need to make mini-groups larger as well.) Then, each mini group should be given about 10 minutes to come up with a creative idea to present to the rest of the group as a 10-minute mini-activity. Mini groups can come up with questions, or do a brief art exercise, or do anything else that gets people talking and sharing for 10 minutes. Some *ideas listed*:

Get back together as a large group and take turns introducing each 10-minute mini-activity and then have the large group perform each 10-minute mini-activity together. Do this until all mini activities are done.

Group topic ideas (in case people need them for inspiration)

- Art or music activity
- Interesting questions
- Complete the sentence.
- Journaling
- **Role Play**
- **Positive Affirmations**
- **Goal Setting**
- **Sharing Feelings**
- Guided imagery
- Group feedback
- Favorites
- Fears
- Coping Skills
- Creative expression
- Trivia
- Favorite quotes
- Storytelling topics
- Stress management or relaxation
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