On October 4, 2017, over 2,000 people across the southeast Michigan region gathered in small groups to share food and discuss how to make their communities places where young people can grow and thrive.

After the conversations, our participants completed a survey. Here’s a sample of what was learned.

**YOUTH VOICES WERE HEARD**

More than 220 youth, ages 13 to 17, responded to the survey and provided vital information on their civic attitudes and engagement behaviors. 49% of youth respondents said education, youth development, and public safety were the largest problems. 11% said they “never” feel included in community decision-making.

**VOICES FROM THE ENTIRE REGION**

On the Table heard from voices across the seven counties that comprise southeast Michigan. 48% of respondents reside outside Wayne County and over one-third of adult respondents have lived in southeast Michigan for 20 or more years. Residents in Livingston and St. Clair counties were the most optimistic about southeast Michigan’s future.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE READY TO ACT**

On the Table is rooted in the idea that dialogue can spur new ideas for action. 85% of all youth and adult respondents indicated they are “somewhat-to-very likely” act based on their On The Table experiences. 78% were interested in building relationships and collaborating, while 64% said they want to raise awareness and educate others.

Read the full report and explore the data at CFSEM.org/OnTheTable
1 DAY
OCTOBER 4, 2017
2000 PARTICIPANTS

OVER
170 HOSTS

WAYNE, OAKLAND, MACOMB, MONROE, WASHTENAW, ST. CLAIR, & LIVINGSTON

7 COUNTIES

READY FOR ACTION
85%
PARTICIPANTS WHO INDICATED THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO TAKE ACTION

TOP ISSUES DISCUSSED
EDUCATION
SAFETY
MENTORING
TRANSIT

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

PARTICIPANTS WHO SPOKE AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON THAT THEY DID NOT ALREADY KNOW 85%
PARTICIPANTS WHO EXCHANGED CONTACT INFORMATION WITH SOMEONE NEW 37%
PARTICIPANTS WHO MADE SPECIFIC PLANS TO WORK WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPANT 22%

30% OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 18

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

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