

## **Explanation of Race/Ethnicity Questions for Prevention Survey Administration**

“I want to explain two questions on the survey that often confuse people. They are questions about your race and your ethnicity. Some people see race and ethnicity as the same, but for the purposes of this survey please try to answer both questions. The question, ‘Are you Hispanic or Latino?’ is asking whether or not you belong to one of those ethnic groups...yes or no. Whether you do or you don’t, you also belong to a race, which is based on where your ancestors were from. The question, ‘Which of the following best describes you?’ asks about your race...for instance, do you consider yourself White, African American, something else, or more than one race? So, please answer both questions, and if you aren’t sure how to answer them, please ask me.”

NOTE for survey administrators: Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race, depending on their ancestral origins. For instance, according to 2000 Census definitions, people whose ancestry is from the original peoples of Europe (including Italy and Spain), the Middle East, or North Africa are considered White; those whose ancestry is from the native peoples of North, Central, or South America are considered Native American or American Indian; those whose ancestry is from Central or Sub-Saharan Africa are considered African-American. (Your school district or building administrators may have a complete list of race definitions, if you’d like to reference that.)