

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP GET YOU STARTED

- Establish trust (and comfort!) by starting with simpler, less personal questions.
- Silence is ok--be patient as they begin to open up about their experiences.
- Get more detail by asking follow-up questions, such as *"What did that feel like?"* or *"What makes that memory so strong for you?"*
- It's okay to ask a question more than once.
- Think outside the box! Ask questions that allow you to see the whole picture and craft an accurate story.
- End with *"Is there anything else you'd like to share, or something else I should have asked?"*

How They Found You

- How did you learn about us?
- What was your very first experience with us like? What did you think when you first came in?

Their Program Experience

- What did you get out of our programs?
- What's one thing you'll remember from this experience? How will you carry it with you in the future?
- What would you say to someone who is thinking about using our programs?

What Home and Community Means to Them

- What is your earliest memory of home?
- Where did you grow up? What was that experience like for you?
- What were your dreams as a kid?
- Where do you feel most at home now? What makes a place feel like home to you?
- What kind of community would make you feel at home?

Their Support System

- Tell me about your support system--who is out there rooting for you?
- Do you have any children? What's your favorite thing to do with them?

Work/Life Balance

- What do you do for a living?
- Has it been difficult trying to balance work and life? What has helped you manage it?

What The Future Holds

- What would you do if there was no such thing as failure?
- What's the one thing you hope to have (or something you already have) for the rest of your life?

General

- Who has been the biggest influence on your life? What did they teach you?
- If you could go back in time, what would you tell your younger self?
- What are you most proud of from your life?

Questions inspired by StoryCorps.