In 2019, On the Table youth participants, ages 12-19, completed a post-conversation survey. They have clear priorities for issues facing youth that they would like their community to address, as well as potential solutions.

**TOP YOUTH PRIORITIES**

- Mental Health Issues: 60%
- Drug Use and Addiction: 40%
- Violence and Safety: 40%
- Bullying: 40%
- Jobs for Teens: 20%

**ADDRESSING THE ISSUES**

**Drug Use and Addiction**
Youth are most likely to think it is important to offer mental health resources to those dealing with addiction (54%).

**Violence, Safety and Bullying**
Youth prioritize offering community programs, through which youth and police can work together to build better relationships (49%).

**Career Opportunities**
Youth rate offering more internship opportunities for high school students (54%) as the top approach.

**VARIATIONS IN PERSEPECTIVES**

African-American youth place a higher priority than Hispanic and White youth on addressing jobs for teens and after school activities.

Hispanic and White youth are more likely than African-American youth to prioritize drug use and addiction, mental health issues, and bullying.

Female youth and 15-19 year olds are the most likely to prioritize mental health issues.