

# Focus Group Leaders Needed!

## Study Exploring Police-Student Interactions in Baltimore City



Are you interested in gaining experience facilitating focus groups?  
Are you compelled by the topic of police in schools and want to know  
more about youth in Baltimore City?

Do you want to contribute to research that informs policy?

**What we're doing:** We are going to conduct 16 focus groups with Baltimore City high school students to assess their views toward the Baltimore City School Police Force in their school and neighborhood communities. Our project strives to give youth voice to the Baltimore City policy issue of police in schools and whether or not they should be armed.

**Who we are:** Our team includes graduate students and faculty from the UMBC Human Services Psychology and Applied Developmental Psychology programs, and the Sociology/Anthropology department.

**Your commitment:** Focus groups will be conducted in the Spring of 2016. Dates and times of the focus groups are to be determined, but will likely happen during a weekday afternoon (Monday-Friday, anytime after 4) or a Saturday morning/afternoon. If you are interested, your participation would entail: 1) attending one session where we train you on how to administer the focus group protocol and 2) co-leading at least 1 focus group with another graduate student. Each focus group will include 6 high school students and last from 1-2 hours.

**Contact Lindsay Emery if you are interested  
or have additional questions!**

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