

Appendix D: Introductory or Trust Building Activities

Greeting card sort:

One greeting card is needed for every three participants.

Cut each greeting card into three pieces.

Mix all pieces of the cards.

Distribute one piece of the card to each meeting participant.

Instruct participants find the others than match their card and introduce themselves and answer the question you have designed for this activity.

- What is your greatest hope for this work?
- What is the one question you still have at this time?
- Etc.

Triads report out to the larger group.

- They can introduce one another and share one answer from each participant.
- Triads select a reporter and they share the answers of the entire group.

What would you be doing?

Have participants split up in pairs.

Introduce themselves to one another and answer the question:

“What would you be doing if you were not here?”

Partners then introduce each other to the larger group and share the activity their partner would be doing if not here.

Facilitator keeps track of the activities and can mention it at the close or buy a small gift that represents the activity as a “graduation” gift for the close. (Example: participants would rather be gardening, give a package of seeds with a thank you.)

Soul Mate

Purpose: To get to know each other.

- Trace your shoe (or foot) on the white piece of paper.
- Label your toe area with your favorite domain of science...to teach.
(Physical, Life, Earth)
- Label your mid sole with your number of years teaching middle school science.
- Label your heal with the number and kind of pets you have.

Find your closest soul mate!

- Circulate in the room until you find another person that had at least two “soul” answers similar to yours. Introduce yourselves.
- Discuss your “sole” answers.
- Be prepared to introduce one another and tell the group something you learned about your “sole mate”.