# SSA Family Group Agenda Length: 27 minutes

#### Prep:

• Get materials: masking tape (for opener), festive colored construction paper cut into strips, and stapler.

## **Meeting Agenda:**

## Welcome and Opening Activity - 10 min.

- Begin by welcoming everyone and take attendance (can be taken during the game).
- **Facilitate** game of I Like People Who... (Maybe make it a holiday theme to celebrate the upcoming holiday season)

# Activity and Ambassador Skill Development – 15 min.

- Check in with your ambassadors.
- Get all the Ambassadors together in a circle to do the **Winter Hope Circle** activity.
  - TIP: for the three questions, put them on the board or on paper so that Ambassadors can see them when their turn comes.
  - Model the activity first, step into the center of the circle and choose a strip of paper to begin the chain. While in the center briefly share a sentence responding to each prompt and stable the paper together to begin the chain. You can either go in a circle of have students step forward to answer and add to the paper chain.

#### Closing - 2 min.

- Bring meeting to a close by reflecting on their courage as individuals and Ambassadors and re-affirm staying "linked" over the holidays.
  - Ask each Ambassador to say one word to describe how they are feeling.
- Thank the ambassadors and express how proud you are of them.

# I Like People Who...

#### Materials:

Masking tape for each student

#### Timing:

5 minutes

#### Preparation:

Everyone stands shoulder to shoulder in a circle. Put down making tape at their feet **Summary:** Ambassadors create a circle to learn what others like and to share their own thoughts and likes.

**Directions:** One person stands in the center of the circle and makes a statement that is true for them. Everyone else for whom the statement is also true must move to a new place in the circle. Whoever is left inside the circle without moving to a new placeholder becomes the next leader, choosing their own new statement.

**Debrief:** Discuss what was learned about their classmates and if they learned anything new

# Winter Hope Circle

#### Materials:

Colored construction paper, cut into strips, and a stapler.

#### Timing:

15 minutes

#### Preparation:

Everyone gets into a circle; can be standing or seated, around a "fire pit"

**Summary:** Ambassadors create a paper chain, showing how we are all connected.

**Directions:** The winter season is traditionally a time for internal reflection about our lives and ourselves, providing a space for setting goal for ourselves in the future. Ask everyone to close their eyes and reflect on the following three statements: 1) a challenge they faced this year, 2) something they accomplished or are proud of, and 3) a hope/goal for next year.

**Debrief:** Discuss what was learned about their classmates and if they learned anything new