**Establishing Trust**

“I want to respect you as a complete and whole person, do you mind if I ask you some questions that will help me be respectful to you? I want us to work together to ensure your safety at school and at home.”

**Sample Questions**

1. How do you identify yourself?
2. What does that mean to you?

3) Which gender pronouns do you prefer?

4) Do you have a preferred or chosen name?

5) Do you want me to use this name? When?

6) How do your parents address you?

7) Are you out to them?

8) If I need to speak with your parents, which name should I use?

9) Do you feel safe at home?

10 ) Do you feel safe in the following areas of school:

* Hallways – Do you hear hateful/ hurtful remarks?
* Classroom – Do your teachers use your preferred name/ pronouns?
* Cafeteria – Where are you eating lunch? Are you eating lunch?
* Bathroom – Which bathroom do you prefer?
* Locker Room – Are you actively participating in P.E.?

11) What would make you feel safer at home / school / in the community?