**DRAFT Curriculum for Chain Reaction at BYC**

Goals of workshop series:

*To document young people’s stories about experiences with police; to document youth strategies for avoiding police engagement; to teach youth to conduct radio interviews and create radio pieces about youth encounters with police; to introduce the idea of community-based “alternatives” to police; to put discussion of policing in historical context*

Week 1: Introductory Recording Workshop

Facilitators: Sarah Lu and Jane

Outline:

*Introduce circle structure and do introductory circle including a police-related story*

*Introduce what Chain Reaction is and what we’ll be doing in this workshop series*

*Train youth in using recording equipment and do initial test interviews*

Week 2: Continued Recording Workshop

Facilitators: Sarah Lu and Jane

Outline:

*Play back test interviews, give feedback and further training*

*Introduce idea of “alternatives to policing”: listen back to specific stories and discuss “what else could have happened,” who could have become involved or taken different actions*

*Conduct new interviews about police encounters, this time asking “what else could have happened?”*

Week 3: Policing history and context

Facilitators: Lewis and Sarah B.

Outline:

*Discuss role of police in neighborhoods: do they do what they say they are doing?*

*Go over brief history of policing to try to answer the question: why do police exist? What role do police play in queer, poor, and poc communities?*

*Further discussion of “alternatives”: What can communities do to create their/our own accountability? Where do you see other approaches already happening? (record if time)*

Week 4: Final Recording Workshop

Facilitators: Sarah Lu and Jane

Outline:

*Play back edited interviews from weeks 1-2, give feedback and further training*

*Conduct new interviews?*

*? Not sure what makes sense in final session, Sarah…*

Week 5: Closing Workshop

Facilitators: Lewis and Sarah B.

Outline:

*Play back final audio pieces and give feedback*

*Envisioning a world without prisons/police?*

*Closing circle*