

Question & Answer Matrix
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1	6931	Reynolds	Reference is made to off-island referrals for Chinese speakers. How common is this? What about other languages? How are costs handled? Have we investigated adding bilingual staff?	Chinese speaking clients engage YFS for mental health services infrequently, but in increasing numbers—a percent that aligns with the increasing community demographic of Mandarin speaking families. YFS assesses scope of services required and if beyond a threshold where a language barrier would render services less than adequate, we would refer to linguistically aligned mental health services in the region, for example Asian Counseling and Referral Services. There is no cost to YFS for referring clients to other providers. YFS is currently unable to add new staff due to budget restrictions, however we assess applicants and clinical interns for bilingual capacity regularly. Clients speaking languages other than Chinese/Mandarin are less common but similarly assessed and referred if indicated.
2	6931	Reynolds	Almost all measures of risky behavior or situations appear markedly Improved over 2021 and 2023. What drives this? Are questions being asked the same way? Is response rate similar?	Survey questions are the same. Variables include general statewide and national downward trends in some risk factors, particularly substance use, a possible spike of certain risk factors coming out of the pandemic in the 2021 survey, ongoing efforts by YFS, Police, and MISD to address risk factors and enhance youth wellbeing. Specific to the 2025 data, the survey this year was administered outside of the two-week window that historically included Homecoming weekend—a known “party” weekend for youth. This last variable we believe impacted the significant reduction in numbers around binge drinking.

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3	6930	Reynolds	Am I correctly understanding that ordinarily the MICEC does not allow commuter parking but will for FIFA? How is this being communicated?	Yes, your understanding is correct. MICEC does not currently allow walk off parking, except in special circumstances. Parking at MICEC will, however, be open for use during FIFA World Cup. During normal circumstances, the MICEC parking lot has signs at the entrances/exits stating: “Parking for Community Center Participants Only. Please NO Park & Ride, Boat, Trailer, or Bus Parking.” Opening the MICEC lot during the FIFA World Cup will be included as part of the communications campaign, which will include a dedicated page on the City’s website, social media posts, and communications in the MI Weekly. We are hoping that offering MICEC for parking will address overflow parking needs on the island and discourage drivers to park in residential neighborhoods or in business parking lots. MICEC is operating on a reduced schedule on FIFA match days – this was intentional based on anticipated traffic in the region. Offering the parking lot is a great way to maximize use of this space.
4	6930	Reynolds	Why only \$25?	Staff research identified \$25 as a regionally comparable rate for large regional events and well within the \$100 maximum rate for event parking. Considering the unprecedented nature of this event in the region and the relatively new and emerging impacts of the light rail station on the City’s parking and transportation system, staff will analyze the usage of the first and subsequent games and adjust the rates based on demand. Unfortunately, there is not a past precedent to establish as a baseline for expected parking demand, and the expectation will be for City staff to be nimble and flexible as we react to more information in real time after the first game.