**String Game**

**Space Requirements**: Big room, enough for everyone to stand in a circle

**Equipment/Supplies Requirements**: People; big ball of yarn

**Group Size:** Large Group

**Accessibility:** If anyone has a physical limitation, they may need assistance in catching the ball of yarn; If anyone has a vision loss, the person throwing them the yarn needs to say their name first or the facilitator can walk the yarn to them (people on either side can assist)

**Program Goals:** Getting to know each other and understanding how we affect one another

**Program Description**

**Preparation:** Have the group stand in a circle; Facilitator joins the circle, holding the ball of yarn.

**Instructions:** The group stands in a circle. The facilitator starts by saying a true statement about themselves. Ask if anyone else has this in common with them. Of those that do, choose one person to throw the ball of yarn to. Before throwing the yarn, take one end of it so you are still holding it. The person catching the yarn does the same, sharing a statement and asking: who also has this in common. Then they hold a piece of the yarn and then throw the ball to the person of their choice. Continue until you have formed a huge web with the yarn.

**Wrap Up:** After everyone has had a chance to say something about themselves and throw the yarn, once or twice, have everyone take a look at the web you’ve created. Tell everyone to hold it still. Tell them if you shake one part of the yarn (do so) see how it affects all of the yarn. Ask someone else to shake their portion… Talk about how just one negative OR POSITIVE interaction with another person can affect the whole community. Continue a discussion on how we affect others.