

SELECTION ON ENTERTAINMENT?

Before the meeting invite several group members each to prepare a **videotape** of several minutes of what they consider to be entertaining television programming. Ask members not to bring anything potentially offensive due to language, sex or violence.

In addition, gather **examples of entertainment options** available to group members, either actual items (for example, a concert ticket, a novel, a CD, a teen-oriented magazine, a video game cartridge, etc.) or pictures of items or activities (a photo of an amusement park ride, a motorcycle, a home theater setup, etc.).

Together look through the items and pictures. Discuss:

- Which of these do you find most entertaining?

really entertaining, what must it include?

View the videos prepared **before the meeting**. Discuss:

- Of the examples of television entertainment we are viewing, which do you find most entertaining?
- When it comes to television, what makes a program "entertaining" for you? What must it include?
- Some have said we live in a culture "addicted" to entertainment. Do you agree? disagree?
- Define the term *entertainment addiction*.
- What would entertainment addiction look like if you saw it in a friend? in yourself?
- What is it about entertainment that makes it seem addictive? Why, for example, do we find the need to have scary entertainment get scarier? violent entertainment get more violent? sexy entertainment get sexier?