Activity Title: Flower Bouquet Arranging

Objectives:

- Decision-making skills
- Creativity
- Teamwork and cooperation

Materials:

- Flowers donated from local business or picked from a garden
- Vases
- Scissors

Methods:

Facilitator Preparation

1. Each pair at the table should have a vase and pair of scissors.
2. A variety of flowers should be set in the middle of the table, easily accessible to all participants.
3. Fill watering can with water for IG pairs to add to vase when they finish arranging the flowers.

Intergenerational Participants

1. Have pairs pick out a few flowers at a time.
2. Have the adults use the scissors to trim the stems.
3. Pairs should work together and engage in discussion about which flowers to use.
4. Children will put the flowers in the vase.
5. Have children hold vase while the adult pours water into the vase.
6. Display flowers by a window or sunny area.

Special Considerations:

- Be careful who handles the scissors- watch for potential accidents or cuts!
- Be aware of any pollen allergies
- Use a plastic vase to prevent breaking/cuts
- Flowers should not contain thorns that could cut participants
Key Conversation/ Facilitation Questions

- What different colors and shapes do the flowers have?
- What are the names of the different types of flowers?
- What are the different parts of the flowers?
- What are your favorite kind of flowers and why?
- Does any type of flower remind of you somebody or something? (e.g., Sunflowers remind me of summertime).

Extensions and Themed Activities

- **Upward extension**
  - Pick flowers from a garden and then arrange.
- **Downward extension**
  - Use a variety of fake flowers to make arrangements—no pollen and no scissors needed!
- **Related Activities**
  - Plant an outdoor garden.
  - Make your own flower scene! Use colored cupcake papers for the blossoms and glue the papers to a piece of paper. Have participants draw on the stems and some scenery (sun, grass, trees, etc.).
  - Go on a neighborhood flower walk. Try to identify as many different flower types as you can.
  - Make sponge flowers using different shaped sponges, paint, and a piece of paper. Draw vertical lines on the paper for stems and then have participants use sponges to design their own flowers.