Slip Method
Decisions

PROCESS
• Distribute a large number of 3 x 5 cards to each member.
• State a problem in “how to” language such as “How to increase student attendance” or “How to support the lower quartile kids in mathematics.”
• Members write only one idea per card.
• Collect and categorize the cards. Discard duplicate, ambiguous, or illegible items.
• Present and study categories and ideas.

ALTERNTIVES
• Use slips to prioritize items. On each slip, members record a letter for the item (A, B, C, and so on) and a number representing the priority weight they assign to it. Assuming they have 12 items, 12 would be the highest weight and 1 the lowest.
• Slips are turned in and stacked alphabetically. The numbers for each letter are tabulated and presented to the group.

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TIPS
- Fifteen participants should be able to generate 150 ideas.
- Because it so mechanical and free from influence, this form of prioritizing is useful when there is low trust in the group.

NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
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