

Youth Baseline Survey

Spring 2007

Instructions (to be read by survey administrator)

I will read each question, and then tell you the answer choices. Each answer choice has a number that goes with it. For example, if the question was “What is your favorite color,” then the answer choices might be: 1) Red, 2) Blue, 3) Green, 4) Yellow, or 5) Other. You should circle the number on your paper that goes with your answer. You don’t need to say your answers out loud.

If you want to hear a question or the answer choices again, please ask and I will read them again. If you don’t understand a question or the answer choices, please tell me and I will try to explain them. Do you have any questions before we start?

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1. **When is your birthday?**

____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

2. **Are you a...**

1. Boy
2. Girl

3. **Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

1. Yes
2. No

4. **What race do you consider yourself to be? (Please check only one)**

1. American Indian or Alaska Native
2. Asian
3. Black or African American
4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
5. White
6. Mixed-race or bi-racial

5. **Have you ever lived apart from your birth mother for more than 12 months?**

1. Yes
2. No

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e. Has a close friend moved away?	1	2
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g. Have you changed schools?	1	2
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p. I have a lot of friends.	1	2	3	4
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10. Which of the following best describes the grades on your **last** report card? Mostly...
(Check only one box)

- 1 D's, E's and F's

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2. D's
3. C's and D's
4. C's
5. B's and C's
6. B's
7. A's and B's
8. A's

11. How sure are you that you will...

	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure
x. Finish high school	1	2	3	4
y. Go to college	1	2	3	4
z. Finish college	1	2	3	4

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12. During the last three months, have you...

	I have NEVER done this	I have done this, but not in the last 3 months	I did it 1–2 times in the last 3 months	I did it 3–4 times in the last 3 months	I did it 5 or more times in the last 3 months
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d. Taken care of a sister or brother after school without an adult there?	1	2	3	4	5
e. Had a fight or argument with your parents/guardians?	1	2	3	4	5
f. Taken something on purpose that didn't belong to you?	1	2	3	4	5
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i. Hit someone because you didn't like something they said or did?	1	2	3	4	5
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2. No

13b. Do any of your friends belong to a gang?

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- 1 Yes, I do have a special older youth in my life.
- 2 No, I don't have a special older youth in my life right now.

13 Do you still meet with the mentor you were matched with when you enrolled in the program?

- 1 Yes (*Continue with question 12a*)
- 2 No (*Go to question 13*)

13a. How often do you meet with your mentor?

- 1 Once a week or more
- 2 Once or twice a month
- 3 Less than once a month

13b. How much time do you usually spend with your mentor when you meet?

- 1 Less than one hour
- 2 1–4 hours
- 3 5–10 hours
- 4 More than 10 hours

14 For about how many months did you meet with your mentor regularly after you enrolled in the program?

- 1 Less than 6 months
- 2 6 months or more