

Probes for NCVS EHC Cognitive Interviews

After completing calendar:

[ASK FIRST] “What is the purpose of the Event History Calendar, as you understand it?”

[ASK SECOND] “How easy or difficult was it for you to recall significant events to fill out the Event History Calendar? Very easy, fairly easy, somewhat difficult, very difficult? Why?”

[ASK THIRD] How accurate do you feel your placement of the significant events in the calendar was? Completely accurate, mostly accurate, not very accurate?

After the screener questions:

[ASK FIRST] While we were going through the screener questions, we frequently referred back to the landmarks on the Event History Calendar. Did you find that these reminders helped you remember the events of the past year, or were they not helpful?

[ASK SECOND] Is there anything we could change about the calendar to make it a better aid for your memory?

[ASK THIRD] Did you make any notes for yourself to refer to during the interview?

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After Introduction Question 1: [IF 'YES', ASK] "What makes you feel afraid to walk in that place?"
[IF 'NO', ASK Introduction Question 2]

After Introduction Question 2: "What makes you feel [safe/unsafe]?"

After Introduction Question 3:

[ASK FIRST] "When we asked you where you go on a regular basis, how did you come up with the list of places you gave us?"

[ASK SECOND] "We asked you where you go on a regular basis. What does the phrase "on a regular basis" mean to you?"

After Introduction Question 5: "Did the categories we provided cover all your reasons for being away from home?"

[IF 'NO,' ASK] What did we miss?" [IF 'YES,' ASK INTRODUCTION QUESTION 6]

After Introduction Question 6: "What places were you thinking about when you answered this question?"

After Introduction Question(s) 7: [ASK AFTER ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED] "When we asked you how much you trust strangers, what did the word "trust" mean to you?"

After the screener questions:

[**ASK FIRST**] At the beginning of the interview I asked you questions about safety, places where crimes can occur and people who can commit crimes. Did you think answering these questions helped you remember what crimes happened to you and when they happened??

[**ASK SECOND**] Is there anything we could change about these questions to make it a better aid for your memory?