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**Mini Group Screening Questionnaire – Parents**

### Formative Round (December 2010): Baltimore, MD; Cleveland, OH; Riverside, CA

**Evaluative Round (May 2011): Atlanta, GA; Des Moines, IA; Dallas, TX**

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**SPECS:**

* Two, 120-minute mini groups with parents of middle school (grades 6-8) students per location:
  + 1 group with mothers
  + 1 group with fathers
* Recruit 12 for 6 to show (seat) at each group.
* All parents must be actively involved in their child’s education and extracurricular activities (see Q12).
* 5 of the 8 of the parents must be in a low income household (see Q14).
* All parents must have a child that attends a middle school that offers the National School Lunch Program (we will provide facility with a list of eligible local schools for recruitment).
* All parents may **not** have a child that attends a middle school that has won a HUSSC (HealthierUS School Challenge) award (we will provide facility with a list of schools **not eligible** for recruitment).
* There will be a focus group for middle school students on the same date/location. These parents WILL NOT be parents of the children selected for those sessions.
* All respondents must speak English.
* All respondents must be outgoing, responsive, articulate, willing and able to read and react to written materials, and must be willing to speak openly in a group.

**FORMATIVE: PLEASE RECRUIT RESPONDENTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **GROUP** | **DATE\*** | **TIME** | **LOCATION** |
| [ ] | ***Group 1:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Baltimore, MD |
| [ ] | ***Group 2:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Baltimore, MD |
| [ ] | ***Group 3:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Cleveland, OH |
| [ ] | ***Group 4:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Cleveland, OH |
| [ ] | ***Group 5:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Riverside, CA |
| [ ] | ***Group 6:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Riverside, CA |

**EVALUATIVE: PLEASE RECRUIT RESPONDENTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **GROUP** | **DATE\*** | **TIME** | **LOCATION** |
| [ ] | ***Group 1:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Atlanta, GA |
| [ ] | ***Group 2:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Atlanta, GA |
| [ ] | ***Group 3:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Des Moines, IA |
| [ ] | ***Group 4:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Des Moines, IA |
| [ ] | ***Group 5:*** *fathers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Dallas, TX |
| [ ] | ***Group 6:*** *mothers of middle school aged children (Room TBD)* | TBD | TBD | Dallas, TX |

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_with\_\_\_\_\_\_. We are conducting a study about nutrition on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, and I would like to ask you a few questions. I’m not trying to sell you anything. We would like to invite a number of parents in your area to participate in a focus group to help us understand more about what they think about nutrition and health. May I speak to the female/male head of household? This should only take a few minutes. ONCE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD ON PHONE, REPEAT INTRODUCTION AND READ OMB STATEMENT (see top of screener).

1. Record Gender—DO NOT ASK UNLESS UNABLE TO TELL.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  | **Formative** | **Evaluative** |
| Female…… | [ ] | **Continue** |  | **Groups 1,4,5** | **Groups 2,3,6** |
| Male …….. | [ ] | **Continue** |  | **Groups 2,3,6** | **Groups 1,4,5** |

1. Do you, or does anyone in your household, work for a radio station, television station, newspaper, market research company, advertising or public relations company?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes…… | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| No…….. | [ ] | **Continue** |

1. Do you have any children under age 19 living at home?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes………… | [ ] | **Continue** |
| No …….….. | [ ] | **Terminate** |

1. How old are your children? **[check all that apply]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Under 4………… | [ ] |  |
| 4-7 years old.….. | [ ] |  |
| 8-10 years old.…. | [ ] |  |
| 11-13 years old… | [ ] | **If this is checked, continue. If not, terminate.** |
| 14 and up………. | [ ] |  |
|  |  |  |

1. **[If child is between the ages of 11-13, ASK]** Is your child in middle school?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes………………. | [ ] | **Continue** |
| No.……………… | [ ] | **Terminate** |

1. What grade is your child in?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Record answer]

1. What is the name of the middle school your child attends?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Record answer]

***\*Recruit no more than 2 parents who have children enrolled at the same middle school.***

1. Are you or your child a vegetarian?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes………………. | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| No.……………… | [ ] | **Continue** |

1. Does your child have a food allergy or medical condition that requires a specialized diet?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes………………. | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| No.……………… | [ ] | **Continue** |

1. Do you or anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? **[Record each “yes” response.]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** |  |
| Healthcare/Medical……………………………… | [ ] | **Terminate if “YES” to any** |
| Nutrition/Food Service……..…………………… | [ ] |
| Fitness……..…………………………………….. | [ ] |
| Food manufacturing…………………………….. | [ ] |
| School Food Service…………….…………….… | [ ] |
| Food/Nutrition Assistance Programs……………. | [ ] |

1. Have you ever participated in a focus group or been paid to be part of a discussion group?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes……..……………… | [ ] | **Continue** |
| No……………………… | [ ] | **Skip to Q11** |

1. How recently did you participate in a focus group?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Less than 6 months ago | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| 6 months ago or longer | [ ] | **Continue** |

1. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be an “expert” in nutrition?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No…………………. | [ ] | **Continue** |
| Yes …….…….…… | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| Don’t know/Refused... | [ ] | **Terminate** |

1. Are you currently involved in or volunteer in any of the following activities?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Yes** | **No** | |  | | Parent/Teacher Organization or Association (often called PTA, PTO or PTSA) | [ ] | [ ] | **Continue if “YES” to any** | | | | Your child’s academic clubs such as math, science, chess, foreign language, etc..…………………………. | [ ] | [ ] | | Your child’s church or religious youth group………… | [ ] | [ ] | | Your child’s extracurricular activities such as sports, dance, scouts, etc.……..……………………………… | [ ] | [ ] | | Volunteering for field trips or other school activities… | [ ] | [ ] |  | | | |  |  |

1. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Record answer]

1. What is your total annual household income? **[Do not read list]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Less than $19,000………… | 1 | Record number below |
| $19,000 - $25,000………… | 2 | Record number below |
| $25,001 - $32,000………… | 3 | Record number below |
| $32,001 - $38,000………… | 4 | Record number below |
| $38,001 - $45,000………… | 5 | Record number below |
| $45,001 - $51,000………… | 6 | Record number below |
| $51,001 - $58,000………… | 7 | Record number below |
| $58,001 - $64,000………… | 8 | Record number below |
| More than $64,000……….. | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| Don’t know/Refused ……... | [ ] | **Terminate** |

Answer to question 13: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Answer to question 14: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accept respondent if he/she falls into one of the following categories:

\_\_\_ Has 2 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1 or 2.

\_\_\_ Has 3 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, or 3

\_\_\_ Has 4 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, 3, or 4

\_\_\_ Has 5 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

\_\_\_ Has 6 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

\_\_\_ Has 7 people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.

\_\_\_ Has 8+ people in household (Q15), and answer to Q16 is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.

[INTERVIEWER, RECORD WHICH CATEGORY RESPONDENT FALLS INTO]

1. What is your current age? **[Do not read list]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Under 18………… | [ ] | **Terminate** |
| 18-34 …….……... | [ ] | **Record** |
| 35-50…….……… | [ ] |
| 50+ ……............... | [ ] | **Terminate** |

1. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No…………………. | [   ] | **Continue** |
| Yes …….…….…… | [   ] | **Continue** |

1. What is your race?   **(READ LIST. ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS.)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| American Indian or Alaska Native………... | [   ] |  |
| Asian ….…….……………………………. | [   ] |  |
| Black or African American …….……… | [   ] |  |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.. | [   ] |  |
| White……………………………………… | [   ] | Recruit no more than 3\* |

\*TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE GROUPS SHOULD BE A MIX OF RACES/ETHNICITIES.

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed? **[Do not read list]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| High school graduate or less.…….……... | [ ] | **Recruit a mix** |
| Some college, vocational or technical school………………………………........ | [ ] |
| College graduate………………………... | [ ] | **Recruit no more than 4** |
| Post graduate education (e.g., Master’s degree, MBA, law degree, PhD)………... | [ ] | **Recruit no more than 2** |

1. Are you currently employed?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes, full-time……………... | [ ] | **Recruit a mix** |
| Yes, part-time……………… | [ ] |
| No………………………… | [ ] |

1. Are you ……….

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Married………………………... | [ ] | **Recruit a mix** |
| Single, never married ………… | [ ] |
| Separated/divorced/widowed… | [ ] |

1. Take a moment and think about your child’s health. What is the biggest concern you have about your child’s health and why?

**Recruiter: After recording respondent’s answer, determine whether or not you feel this respondent would be useful in the group. Did they:**

* + **Give full and complete answers?**

## Speak clearly, and without long pauses?

* + **Answer enthusiastically?**
  + **Speaks understandable English/is comfortable with the language**

**It is most important that respondent be articulate!!**  **If not, terminate.**

I would like to invite you to participate in a group discussion that will be held at our facility on (DATE) at (TIME). The group will last approximately 120 minutes. To help with inconveniences such as child care you will receive $100 at the end of the group session. Would you be willing to participate?

Yes……………( ) **SCHEDULE** No……………..( ) **TERMINATE**

I will call you to remind you of this appointment. However, if for some reason you are unable to attend, please call me at (TELEPHONE NUMBER) so that I can find a replacement for you. Thank You.

Respondent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (Home): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_