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| healthy marriage program  PRE-PROGRAM SURVEY  *For Youth-Focused Programs* |
| PRIVACY  Thank you for your help with this important study. This survey includes questions about your attitudes about marriage and relationships, your relationship experiences, and parenting. Your name will not be on the questionnaire and your responses will remain private to the extent permitted by law. We want you to know that:  1. Your participation in this survey is voluntary.  2. We hope that you will answer all the questions, but you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer.  3. The answers you give will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. | |

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**SECTION A. ATTITUDES ABOUT MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS**

**A1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about marriage?**

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|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. Marriages are happy or unhappy and there is not much you can do to change it. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. If you are happily married, you don’t need to work on your relationship. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Marriage should be lifelong. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. It is okay to live with a boyfriend/girlfriend without being married. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. It is okay to live with a boyfriend/girlfriend without a plan to be married. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| f. It is okay to have kids without being married. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| g. It is okay to have kids without a plan to be married. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| h. It is hard on kids to be raised by a single parent. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A2. When you think of your future, what do you think are the chances that…

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **ALMOST NO CHANCE** | **SOME CHANCE (BUT PROBABLY NOT)** | **A 50-50 CHANCE** | **A GOOD CHANCE** | **ALMOST CERTAIN** |
| a. You will be married to one person for life? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| b. You will live with a boyfriend/girlfriend without being married? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| c. You will have a child without being married | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |

**A3. In a healthy relationship, how important is it that couples…**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT** | **A LITTLE IMPORTANT** | **PRETTY IMPORTANT** | **VERY IMPORTANT** |
| a. Do not cheat on each other? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Do not call each other names? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Do not threaten each other? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. Do not push, shove, hit, slap, or grab each other? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. Do not argue? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| f. Encourage each other when life is hard? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| g. Enjoy spending time together? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**A4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about relationships?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. In a healthy relationship it is essential for couples to talk about things that are important to them. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Even in a good relationship, couples will occasionally have trouble talking about their feelings. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. A relationship is stronger if a couple doesn’t talk about their problems. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**A5. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about relationships?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. A person who makes their partner angry on purpose deserves to be hit. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Sometimes physical violence, such as hitting or pushing, is the only way to express your feelings. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Violence between dating partners is a personal matter and people should not interfere. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. It’s okay to stay in a relationship even if you’re afraid of your boyfriend/girlfriend. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**SECTION B. ATTITUDES ABOUT SEX**

**B1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about sex?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. A person should only have sex with someone they love. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. A person should only have sex if they are married or made a lifelong commitment. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. MALE: I would be devastated if I got someone pregnant at this age.  FEMALE: I would be devastated if I got pregnant at this age. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I would feel comfortable having sex with someone I was attracted to but didn’t know very well. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. Two people who are in love do not need to use condoms/birth control. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| f. At my age right now, having sexual intercourse would create problems. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| g. At my age right now, it is okay to have sexual intercourse if I use protection, like a condom, the pill, etc. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**B2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about sex?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. If my boyfriend/girlfriend wanted to have sex, but I didn’t, I would find it pretty hard to say “no”. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. I feel good enough about myself that I can say “no” even if my friends are having sex. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**SECTION C: CURRENT RELATIONSHIP**

**C1. Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?**

0 ⬜ No **go to QUESTION D1**

1 ⬜ Yes

**C2. Please indicate how often the following things happen with your boyfriend/girlfriend.**

**My boyfriend/girlfriend…**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **NONE OF THE TIME** | **SOME OF THE TIME** | **HALF OF THE TIME** | **MOST OF THE TIME** | **ALL OF THE TIME** |
| a. Makes me feel good about myself | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| b. Pressures me to do risky things I don’t want to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| c. Wants to control what I do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| d. Tries to make me look bad | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| e. Puts down my physical appearance or how I look | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| f. Insults or criticizes my ideas | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| g. Blames me for his/her problems | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |

**C3. When you have a serious disagreement with your boyfriend/girlfriend, how often do you…**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **NONE OF THE TIME** | **SOME OF THE TIME** | **HALF OF THE TIME** | **MOST OF THE TIME** | **ALL OF THE TIME** |
| a. Just keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| b. Discuss your disagreements? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| c. End up throwing things or hitting something? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| d. Keep arguing until you get your way? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| e. Yell or shout? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| f. Give each other the silent treatment? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |

**C4. How often do the following things happen with your boyfriend/girlfriend?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **NONE OF THE TIME** | **SOME OF THE TIME** | **HALF OF THE TIME** | **MOST OF THE TIME** | **ALL OF THE TIME** |
| a. My boyfriend/girlfriend can count on me to be there when he/she needs me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| b. My boyfriend/girlfriend and I talk about the things that really matter. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| c. I am comfortable sharing my thoughts and feelings with my boyfriend/girlfriend. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |

**SECTION D: CONTACT WITH CHILDREN**

**D1. Do you have children of your own living with you in your home?**

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

1 ⬜ No, I do not have any children **END SURVEY**

2 ⬜ I have one or more children, but they do not live with me. **answer d2-d4b then end survey**

3 ⬜ I live with at least one of my children **go to e1**

D2. How old is your youngest child?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

**D3. When is the last time you saw your youngest child?**

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

1 ⬜ In the past week

2 ⬜ In the past month

3 ⬜ In the past six months

4 ⬜ In the past year

**GO TO D5**

5 ⬜ 1 – 2 years ago

6 ⬜ More than 2 years ago

7 ⬜ Never

**D4a. IF SEEN CHILD IN PAST MONTH: In the past month, how often did you see or visit your youngest child?**

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times a month

4 ⬜ I did not see or visit this child in the past month **GO TO D5**

D4b. In the past month when you saw [CHILD], how many hours per day did you usually spend with [CHILD1]?

| | | hours

**D5.** **In the past month, how often have you reached out to your youngest child even if he or she did not respond?**

This includes calling on the phone; sending email, letters, or cards; texting; or using Facebook or FaceTime.

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times a month

4 ⬜ I did not see or visit this child in the past month

**SECTION E: PARENTING AND CO-PARENTING**

Questions in this section are about your YOUNGEST CHILD that lives with you. Please answer these questions about that child.

**E1. Thinking about your youngest child, how often does each of the following happen in your family?**

|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. I am happy being with my child | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. My child and I are very close to each other | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I try to comfort my child when he/she is upset | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I spend time with my child doing things what he/she likes to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

**E2. Thinking about the times when your youngest child has done something wrong, how often do you…**

|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **NEVER** | **A FEW TIMES A MONTH** | **A FEW TIMES A WEEK** | **EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERYDAY** |
| a. …hit, spank, grab, or use physical punishment with your child? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. …yell, shout, or scream at your child because you are mad at him/her? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. ...talk to [CHILD 1] about what he/she did wrong?............................................................. | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |

**E3. In the past month, how often have you felt overwhelmed by your parenting responsibilities?**

1 ⬜ Never

2 ⬜ Once in a while

3 ⬜ Somewhat often

4 ⬜ Very often

**E4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**My child’s other parent and I work well together as parents.**

1 ⬜ Strongly agree

2 ⬜ Agree

3 ⬜ Disagree

4 ⬜ Strongly disagree

**E5. Would you be able to count on the child’s other parent to take care of your child or children in an emergency?**

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

d ⬜ I don’t know

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**