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RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD PROGRAM  
PRE-PROGRAM SURVEY

*For Community-Based Fathers*

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2. We hope that you will answer all the questions, but you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer.
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**A2a. When was the last time you saw [CHILD1]?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 In the past week } **GO TOA2b**
- 2 In the past month
- 3 In the past six months } **GO TOA2d**
- 4 In the past year
- 5 1-2 years ago
- 6 More than 2 years ago
- 7 Never

**A2b. In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD1]?**

- 1 Every day or almost every day ←
- 2 One to three times a week
- 3 One to three times in the past month
- 4 I did not see this child in the past month → **GO TO A2d**

**A2c. In the past month when you saw [CHILD1], how many hours per day did you usually spend with [CHILD1]?**

|\_|\_| HOURS

**A2d. In the past month, how often have you reached out to [CHILD1] even if [CHILD1] did not respond? This includes calling on the phone; sending email, letters, or cards; texting; or using Facebook or FaceTime.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 Every day or almost every day
- 2 One to three times a week
- 3 One to three times in the past month
- 4 Never in the past month

**A2e. In the past month, did you buy things for [CHILD1] that he or she needed like diapers, clothes, school supplies, medicine, or other things he or she needed?**

- 1 Yes
- 0 No



**A2f. Do you have an agreement with the mother of [CHILD1] about spending time with [CHILD1]?**

- 1  Yes, we have a legal document
- 2  Yes, we have a written agreement that is not court-ordered
- 3  Yes, we have a verbal understanding
- 4  No, we have no parenting agreement → GO TO A6

**A2g. How often does [CHILD1]'s mother follow the agreement?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1  Always
- 2  Often
- 3  Sometimes
- 4  Never

**A2h. How often do you follow the agreement?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1  Always
- 2  Often
- 3  Sometimes
- 4  Never

**A3. Please tell us how often you've felt or acted this way in the past month with [CHILD1].**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. I am happy being with [CHILD1].....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. [CHILD1] and I are very close to each other....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. I try to comfort [CHILD1] when s/he is upset....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I spend time with [CHILD1] doing what s/he likes to do.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A4. Over the past month, how often did you...**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	1 - 3 TIMES A MONTH	1 - 3 TIMES A WEEK	EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY
a. ...hit, spank, grab, or use physical punishment with [CHILD 1]?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. ...yell, shout, or scream at [CHILD 1] because you were mad at him/her?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. ...talk to [CHILD 1] about what he/she did wrong?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A5. In the past month, how often have you...**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	1 - 3 TIMES A MONTH	1 - 3 TIMES A WEEK	EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY
a. Had a meal together with [CHILD1]?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Taken [CHILD1] places he/she needed to go, such as to school or to the doctor?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Helped [CHILD1] with his/her bedtime routine or homework?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Talked with [CHILD1] about things he/she is especially interested in?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A6. In the past month, how often have you felt overwhelmed by your parenting responsibilities?**

MARK ONE ONLY

1  Never

2  Hardly ever

3  Sometimes

4  Often

[If A1a = 2, continue to A7a; else, GO TO B1.]

Now think about your next youngest biological or legally adopted child, [CHILD2].

**A7a. What is your next youngest child's first name or initials?**

\_\_\_\_\_ [CHILD2]

**A7b. How old is your next youngest child?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**A8. Does [CHILD2] live with you all or most of the time? →**

Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time      **GO TO A10**

No, he/she does not live with me all or most of the time      **GO TO A9a**

**A9a. When was the last time you saw [CHILD2]?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- In the past week ←
  - In the past month
  - In the past six months
  - In the past year
  - 1-2 years ago
  - More than 2 years ago
  - Never
- GO TO A9d**

**A9b. In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD2]?**

- Every day or almost every day ←
- One to three times a week
- One to three times in the past month →
- I did not see this child in the past month      **GO TO A9d**

**A9c. In the past month when you saw [CHILD2], how many hours per day did you usually spend with [CHILD2]?**

|\_|\_| HOURS

**A9d. In the past month, how often have you reached out to [CHILD2] even if [CHILD2] did not respond? This includes calling on the phone; sending email, letters, or cards; texting; or using Facebook or FaceTime.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 Every day or almost every day
- 2 One to three times a week
- 3 One to three times in the past month
- 4 Never in the past month

**A9e. In the past month, did you buy things for [CHILD2] that he or she needed like diapers, clothes, school supplies, medicine, or other things he or she needed?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**A9f. Do you have an agreement with the mother of [CHILD2] about spending time with [CHILD2]?**

- 1 Yes, we have a legal document
  - 2 Yes, we have a written agreement that is not court-ordered
  - 3 Yes, we have a verbal understanding
  - 4 No, we have no parenting agreement
- GO TO A13

**A9g. How often does [CHILD2]'s mother follow the agreement?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 Always
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Never

**A9h. How often do you follow the agreement?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 Always
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Never



**A10. Please tell us how often you've felt or acted this way in the past month with [CHILD2].**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. I am happy being with [CHILD2].....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. [CHILD2] and I are very close to each other.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. I try to comfort [CHILD2] when s/he is upset.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I spend time with [CHILD2] doing what s/he likes to do.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A11. Over the past month, how often did 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 [CHILD2]?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. ...yell, shout, or scream at [CHILD2] because you are mad at him/her?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. ...talk to [CHILD2] about what he/she did wrong?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A12. In the past month, how often have you...**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	1 - 3 TIMES A MONTH	1 - 3 TIMES A WEEK	EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY
a. Had a meal together with [CHILD2]?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Taken [CHILD2] places he/she needed to go, such as to school or to the doctor?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Helped [CHILD2] with his/her bedtime routine or homework?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Talked with [CHILD2] about things he/she is especially interested in?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A13. In the past month, how often have you felt overwhelmed by your parenting responsibilities?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  Never

<sup>2</sup>  Hardly ever

<sup>3</sup>  Sometimes

<sup>4</sup>  Often

## SECTION B. ECONOMIC STABILITY

**B1. Currently, do you...**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	YES	NO
a. Have a checking account?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Have a savings account?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Use a budget to plan your spending?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

**B2. How often do you find it difficult to pay your bills?**

MARK ONE ONLY

- <sup>1</sup>  Never
- <sup>2</sup>  Once in a while
- <sup>3</sup>  Somewhat often
- <sup>4</sup>  Very often

**B3. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NOT APPLICABLE
a. I would like to learn new job skills.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. I have good job skills.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
c. I know where to find job openings.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
d. I know how to apply for a job.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. I feel confident in my ability to conduct an effective job search for a job I want.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
f. I feel confident in my interviewing skills.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
g. I would like to get a job.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	na <input type="checkbox"/>
h. I would like to get a better job.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	na <input type="checkbox"/>
i. I am usually on time for work.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	na <input type="checkbox"/>

j. If I'm not going to go to work, I let my supervisor know ahead of time.....

1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	na <input type="checkbox"/>
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**B4. Do you have an updated resume that you can give to employers?**

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>0</sup>  No

**B5. Below are some general statements about knowledge of child support. For each statement, please indicate whether you believe it is true or false.**

*Please complete this question even if you do not have a child support order.*

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	TRUE	FALSE	I DON'T KNOW
a. Fathers can get help with their child support by calling the child support agency.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="checkbox"/>
b. A father has the right to ask for a change in the amount of his child support order.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="checkbox"/>
c. The law requires a father to pay child support even if the mother of his child has a new partner.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The law requires a father to pay child support even if the child's mother prevents him from seeing his child.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="checkbox"/>

**B6. Do you have a legal arrangement or child support order that requires you to provide financial support for ANY of your children that do not live with you all or most of the time?**

MARK ONE ONLY

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>2</sup>  No

<sup>3</sup>  I don't know

**B7. Do you know how to request a change in your child support order if your income changes?**

MARK ONE ONLY

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>0</sup>  No

<sup>d</sup>  I don't know

GO TO  
C1

**SECTION C. RELATIONSHIPS/MARRIAGE**

**C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
a. It is better for children if their parents are married.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Living together is just the same as being married.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C2. Are you currently in a relationship (whether you are married or not married)?**

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>0</sup>  No → **GO TO D1**

**C3. Which of the following statements best describes your relationship with your current partner?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  We are married

<sup>2</sup>  We are romantically involved on a steady basis

<sup>3</sup>  We are involved in an on-again and off-again relationship

**C4. In the past month, how often have the following happened?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. My partner/spouse was rude or mean to me when we disagreed.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. My partner/spouse seemed to view my words or actions more negatively than I meant them to be.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Our arguments became very heated.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Small issues suddenly became big arguments.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. My partner/spouse or I stayed mad at one another after an argument.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C5. In the past month, how often have the following happened?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. My partner/spouse blamed me for his/her problems.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. My partner/spouse yelled or screamed at me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C6. How satisfied are you with the way you and your partner/spouse handle conflict?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- <sup>1</sup>  Very satisfied
- <sup>2</sup>  Somewhat satisfied
- <sup>3</sup>  Not at all satisfied

**SECTION D. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**D1. This question is about feelings you may have experienced recently. During the PAST 30 DAYS, how often have you felt...**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NONE OF THE TIME	A LITTLE OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	ALL OF THE TIME
a. Nervous?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Hopeless?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Restless or fidgety?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. So depressed that nothing could cheer you up?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. That everything was an effort?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Worthless?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**D2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
a. I have little control over the things that happen to me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. I have hope when I think about my future.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. I wouldn't know where to go for help if I had money troubles.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I have others who will listen when I need to talk about my problems.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. When I am lonely, there are several people I can talk to.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. I have people I can count on if I am feeling down.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. If there is a crisis, I have others I can talk to.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>



**D3. Is there someone you could you turn to, such as a friend or family member, if you suddenly needed to borrow money?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>0</sup>  No

<sup>d</sup>  I don't know

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**