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HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROGRAM  
**PRE-PROGRAM SURVEY**  
*For Adult-Focused Programs*

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**SECTION A: PARENTING**

[A1a: ASK ALL]

**We would like to get a sense of who you are as a parent. We realize that children are different and may require different parenting.**

**Questions in this section are about your child—or if you have more than one child, your two youngest children—under the age of 21.**

**A1a. Do you have any children who are under 21 years old? Please only include your biological children or children you have legally adopted.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- <sup>1</sup> Yes, I have one child who is younger than age 21
- <sup>2</sup> Yes, I have more than one child who is younger than age 21 → GO TO A1c
- <sup>3</sup> No, I have no children
- <sup>4</sup> No, all my children are 21 years or older → GO TO B1

**SOFT CHECK: IF A1a = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  
**IF A1a = NO RESPONSE, GO TO B1**

**A1b. What is your child's first name or initials?**

\_\_\_\_\_ [CHILD1] → GO TO A1d

**SOFT CHECK: IF A1b = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  
**IF A1b = NO RESPONSE, GO TO A1d**

**A1c. What is your youngest child's first name or initials?**

\_\_\_\_\_ [CHILD1]

**A1d. How old is [YOURCHILD1]?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**SOFT CHECK: IF A1d > 20; Your child's age should be less than 21 years.**  
**HARD CHECK: IF A1d = non-numeric OR A1d < 0; Please enter a number. Your child's age should be less than 21 years.**

**A1e. Does [YOURCHILD1] live with you all or most of the time?**

- <sup>1</sup> Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time
- <sup>2</sup> No, he or she does not live with me all or most of the time

IF A1a = 2, GO TO A4; ELSE GO TO B1

**SOFT CHECK: IF A1e = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  
**IF A1e = NO RESPONSE AND A1a=2, GO TO A4; ELSE GO TO B1**

**A2. Please answer questions in A2 for [YOURCHILD1] only.**

**A2a. Please tell us how often you've felt or acted this way in the past month with [YOURCHILD1].**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. I am happy being with [MYCHILD1].....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. [MYCHILD1] 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 [MYCHILD1] when he/she is upset.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I spend time with [MYCHILD1] doing what he/she likes to do.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A2b. 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 [YOURCHILD1]?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. ... yell, shout, or scream at [YOURCHILD1] 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 [YOURCHILD1] about what he/she did wrong?.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? [MYCHILD1]'s other parent and I work well together as parents.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1  Strongly agree
- 2  Agree
- 3  Disagree
- 4  Strongly disagree

[IF A1a = 2, CONTINUE TO A4; ELSE, GO TO A7]

**A4. Now think about your next youngest biological or legally adopted child.**

**A4a. What is your next youngest child's first name or initials?**

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

**A4b. How old is [YOURCHILD2]?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
YEARS

**SOFT CHECK:** IF A4b > 20; **Your child's age should be less than 21 years.**  
**HARD CHECK:** IF A4b = non-numeric OR A4b < 0; **Please enter a number. Your child's age should be less than 21 years.**

**A4c. Does [YOURCHILD2] live with you all or most of the time?**

- <sup>1</sup>  Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time → **GO TO A5a**
- <sup>2</sup>  No, he or she does not live with me all or most of the time → **IF A1E = 1, GO TO A7; ELSE GO TO B1**

**SOFT CHECK:** IF A4c = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  
**IF A4c = NO RESPONSE AND A1E = 1, GO TO A7, ELSE if A4c = NO RESPONSE and A1E != 1, THEN GO TO B1**

**Please answer questions in A5 for [YOURCHILD2] only.**

**A5a. Please tell us how often each of the following happens in your family.**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. I am happy being with [MYCHILD2].....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. [MYCHILD2] 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 [MYCHILD2] when he/she is upset.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I spend time with [MYCHILD2] doing what he/she likes to do.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A5b. 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 [YOURCHILD2]?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. ... yell, shout, or scream at [YOURCHILD2] 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 [YOURCHILD2] about what he/she did wrong?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**A6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**[MYCHILD2]'s other parent and I work well together as parents.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- <sup>1</sup>  Strongly agree
- <sup>2</sup>  Agree
- <sup>3</sup>  Disagree
- <sup>4</sup>  Strongly disagree

**A7. *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

**GO TO QUESTION B1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**SECTION B: ECONOMIC STABILITY**

**SECTION B: ASK ALL**

**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"/>

**B4. Do you have an updated resume that you can give to employers?**

- <sup>1</sup>  Yes
- <sup>0</sup>  No

**GO TO QUESTION C1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**



**SECTION C: MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS**

[C1: ASK ALL]

**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: ASK ALL]

**C2. Are you currently in a relationship (whether you are married or unmarried)?**

<sup>1</sup>  Yes

<sup>0</sup>  No → GO TO D1

SOFT CHECK: IF C2 = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.

IF C2 = NO RESPONSE, 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. How much of the time do you live with your partner?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  All of the time

<sup>2</sup>  Most of the time

<sup>3</sup>  Some of the time

<sup>4</sup>  None of the time

**C5. This question is about your relationship with your partner/spouse. During the *past month*, how often did the following happen?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	NEVER	HARDLY EVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
a. My partner/spouse and I were good at working out our differences.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. I felt respected even when my partner/spouse and I disagreed.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. When my partner/spouse and I had a serious disagreement, we worked on it together to find a resolution.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. When my partner/spouse and I had a serious disagreement, we discussed our disagreements respectfully.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. During arguments, my partner/spouse and I were good at taking breaks when we needed them.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
f. When my partner/spouse and I argued, past hurts got brought up again.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
g. My partner/spouse understands that there are times when I do not feel like talking and times when he/she does.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C6. During the *past month*, how often has 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"/>

**C7. In the past month, how often has 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"/>
b. My partner/spouse yelled or screamed at me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C8. 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

**C9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your partner/spouse?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
a. I trust my partner/spouse completely.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. My partner/spouse knows and understands me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. I can count on my partner/spouse to be there for me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I feel appreciated by my partner/spouse.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. My partner/spouse expresses love and affection toward me.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C10. In the past month, how often have you and your partner/spouse done the following things?**

MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	ALMOST EVERY DAY	ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH	LESS OFTEN
a. Talk to each other about the day.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Laugh together.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Participate together in an activity we both enjoy.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C11. How satisfied are you with your current relationship?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  Very satisfied

<sup>2</sup>  Somewhat satisfied

<sup>3</sup>  Not satisfied

**C12. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement? I view our marriage/relationship as lifelong.**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

<sup>1</sup>  Strongly agree

<sup>2</sup>  Agree

<sup>3</sup>  Disagree

<sup>4</sup>  Strongly disagree

**GO TO QUESTION D1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**SECTION D: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

SECTION D: ASK ALL

**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"/>

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**