

Appendix B
Family Options Study
12-Year Study Tracking Survey

Introduction

Hello, my name is []. I work for a company called Abt Associates. You might remember meeting with me or one of my colleagues a while back. At that time I talked to you about a study that we are doing to find out about what kind of housing is best for families who experienced homelessness. This study is often referred to as the Family Options Study. Abt Associates is an independent research company and we are helping the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to do this study.

When we last talked to you, I mentioned that I'd be getting in touch with you again to find out about your housing experiences. I'd like to ask you some questions now. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Your continued participation in the study is voluntary. You can stop the interview at any time and can choose not to answer any question. The information you provide will be kept confidential and only used for research purposes. Your answers to the questions will not affect your current or future receipt of housing assistance or other benefits. You can learn more about how we will protect your information by reviewing the PRA Burden Statement and Privacy Act Statement that was included on the Welcome Back Newsletter you received in the mail. I am also happy to read those statements to you now over the phone. Would you like me to read these statements to you now? [Read the full PRA Burden Statement and Privacy Act Statement if requested by the respondent].

At the end of the interview, I will send you via email a \$20 electronic gift card as a token of our appreciation for taking the time to complete the survey.

Section A: Current housing, homelessness experiences since previous interview, housing program participation

First, I'd like to ask about where you are living/staying right now.

A1. Can you please confirm the address of where you are living/staying now? **[CAPI: PRE-FILL WITH ADDRESS WHERE INTERVIEW IS TAKING PLACE. INTERVIEWER; CONFIRM THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND UPDATE AS NEEDED. PROBE FOR BUILDING NAME IF APPLICABLE]**

- _____
- A1a. Is there a complex/building name? _____
- A1b. Is there an apartment number? _____
- A1c. What city do you live in? _____
- A1d. What state do you live in? _____
- A1e. What is the zip code? _____

Refused.....1 (1=checked, 0=not checked)
Don't Know.....1 (1=checked, 0=not checked)

A2. Is [A1 ADDRESS] the best address to reach you at?

- YES.....q₁ **(SKIP TO A2f)**
NO.....q₂
REFUSED.....q₇
DON'T KNOW.....q₈

What is the best address to reach you at?

Street Address:

- A2a. Is there a complex/building name? _____
- A2b. Is there an apartment number? _____
- A2c. In what city? _____
- A2d. In what state? _____
- A2e. What is the zip code? _____

A2f. What is your home phone number, starting with the area code?

Telephone # with area code: (_____) _____ - _____
REFUSED.....-2
DON'T KNOW.....-1

A2g. What is your cell phone number, starting with the area code?

Telephone # with area code: (_____) _____ - _____
REFUSED.....-2
DON'T KNOW.....-1

A2h. Do we have your permission to text you at this number?

- YES.....Q1
- NOQ2
- REFUSED.....Q7
- DON'T KNOW.....Q8

A2i. What is your email address? (This is the email address we will use to send you your \$20 gift card.) _____

- IF VOLUNTEERED: RESPONDENT HAS NO EMAILQ6
- REFUSED.....Q7
- DON'T KNOW.....Q8

A2j. What is the best way for us to reach you for future data collection efforts?

- EMAIL.....Q1
- HOME PHONEQ2
- TEXT.....Q3
- CELL PHONEQ4
- REFUSED.....Q7
- DON'T KNOW.....Q8

A3. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

<i>Would you say you are living/staying in...</i>		YES	NO	REF	DK
CAPI: SKIP TO A4 WHEN YES RESPONSE IS GIVEN					
A3a.	A house or apartment that you own or rent. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE YOUR PARENT'S or GUARDIAN'S HOME OR APARTMENT	1	2	7	8
A3b.	Your partner's (boy/girlfriends/fiancé, significant other's) place.	1	2	7	8
A3c.	A friend or relative's house or apartment, and paying part of the rent [PROBE: THIS INCLUDES YOUR PARENT'S or GUARDIAN'S HOUSE OR APARTMENT OR OTHER FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S APARTMENT]	1	2	7	8
A3d.	A friend or relative's house or apartment, but not paying part of the rent [PROBE: THIS INCLUDES YOUR PARENT'S or GUARDIAN'S HOUSE OR APARTMENT OR OTHER FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S APARTMENT]	1	2	7	8
A3e.	A permanent housing program with services to help you keep your housing (on site or coming to you) IF YES: COLLECT NAME OF PROGRAM: < _	1	2	7	8
A3f.	A transitional housing program	1	2	7	8
A3g.	A domestic violence shelter IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A3h.	An emergency shelter	1	2	7	8
A3i.	A voucher hotel or motel IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A3j.	A hotel or motel you pay for yourself IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8

<i>Would you say you are living/staying in...</i>		YES	NO	REF	DK
CAPI: SKIP TO A4 WHEN YES RESPONSE IS GIVEN					
A3k.	A residential drug or alcohol treatment program IF YES: SKIP TO NOTE BEFORE A4	1	2	7	8
A3l.	Jail or prison IF YES: SKIP TO NOTE BEFORE A4	1	2	7	8
A3m.	A car or other vehicle IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A3n.	An abandoned building IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A3o.	Anywhere outside [PROBE: STREETS, PARKS, ETC.] IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A3p.	OTHER à SPECIFY: <A3P_1_OTHER> : _____ IF YES, NO, DK OR : SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8

BASE: ALL

A4. How long have you lived in this place? You can tell me this answer in days, weeks, or months, whichever is easiest for you. [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NUMBER OF DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS. IF 0, RECORD THAT AS WELL.

- <A4A1> NUMBER OF DAYS _____
- <A4A2> NUMBER OF WEEKS _____
- <A3A3> NUMBER OF MONTHS _____
- REFUSED.....-2
- DON'T KNOW.....-1

A5. Now, I'd like you to think about the last six months—that is, since [MONTH/YEAR SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW]. Were there any times when you were homeless in the last six months? By homeless, I mean times when you didn't have a regular place to live and you were living in a homeless shelter or temporarily in an institution because you had nowhere else to go.

Homeless can also include living in a place not typically used for sleeping such as on the street, in a car, in an abandoned building, or in a bus or train station in the past six months.

Please **do not include** any times when you may have stayed with friends or relatives because you did not have your own place to stay. Please **do not include** times when you lived in a transitional housing program or permanent housing program.

- YES.....q₁
- NO.....q₂ **(SKIP TO A7)**
- REFUSED.....q₇ **(SKIP TO A7)**
- DON'T KNOW.....q₈ **(SKIP TO A7)**

A6. How many times were you homeless in the last six months?
[INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES THE PERSON WAS HOMELESS.]

NUMBER OF TIMES _____
REFUSED..... Q-1 (SKIP TO A9)
DON'T KNOW..... Q-2 (SKIP TO A9)

BASE: A8≥1

A6a. *Thinking about all of the times you have been homeless in the past 6 months*, What would you say is the total number of days, weeks, or months that you have been homeless in the past 6 months?

<A6a1>NUMBER OF DAYS _____
<A6A2> NUMBER OF WEEKS _____
<A6A3> NUMBER OF MONTHS _____
REFUSED..... -2
DON'T KNOW..... -1

A7. Again, please think about the last six months—that is, since [MONTH/YEAR SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW]. Were there any times when you were living with a friend or relative because you could not find or afford a place of your own?

YES..... Q1
NO..... Q2 (SKIP TO A9)
REFUSED..... Q7 (SKIP TO A9)
DON'T KNOW..... Q8 (SKIP TO A9)

A8. Altogether, how much time in the past six months, would you say you spent living with a friend or relative because you could not find or afford a place of your own? You can tell me this answer in days, weeks, or months, whichever is easiest for you. [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NUMBER OF DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS. IF 0, RECORD THAT AS WELL].

<A80a1>NUMBER OF DAYS _____
<A8A2> NUMBER OF WEEKS _____
<A8A3> NUMBER OF MONTHS _____
REFUSED..... -2
DON'T KNOW -1

A9. Again, please think about the past six months—that is, since [MONTH/YEAR SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW] and today, have you participated in any housing programs other than where you are living now? This could be a housing program where you lived or a program that helped you pay some or all of the rent in your own apartment or house.

YES..... Q1
NO..... Q2 (SKIP TO B1)
REFUSED..... Q7
DON'T KNOW..... Q8

A10. During the past six months, that is between [MONTH/YEAR SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW] and today, we are interested in knowing if you participated in any of the following types of programs. When answering these questions, please do not include the place you are living now. During the past six months, did you...

a. Program Type	YES	NO	REFUSED	DON'T KNOW
a. Spend at least one night in shelter because you did not have your own place to stay?				
b. Participate in a permanent supportive housing program—a program with services to help you keep your housing (on site or coming to you)?				
c. Spend at least one night in a transitional housing program?				
d. Spend any time living in a place where you received assistance paying your rent with temporary rental assistance. This temporary assistance could be called rapid rehousing				
e. Spend any time living in a place where your rent was partially covered by a rent subsidy such as public housing, Section 8 or a Housing Choice Voucher?				
f. Receive any other form of housing assistance? Please Specify: _____				

We've already talked about your experiences in the last six months that is since [SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW DATE].

A11. Now, I'd like to ask you about your experiences since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Were there any times you were homeless since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020? By homeless, I mean times when you didn't have a regular place to live and you were living in a homeless shelter or temporarily in an institution because you had nowhere else to go.

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED 7
- DON'T KNOW 8

A12. Now, I'd like you think back a little further to the three years before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic—that is between early 2017 and early 2020. Were there any time you were homeless during that three year period between early 2017 and early 2020, ? Again, by homeless, I mean times when you didn't have a regular place to live and you were living in a homeless shelter or temporarily in an institution because you had nowhere else to go.

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	8

Section B: Family Composition

Now I'd like to ask you about some of the people in your family.

B1. I am going to read you a list of people who have been part of your family during the time since [RA YR] .

List of family members with Respondent at last interview	B2. Is [FOCAL CHILD 1 NAME/FOCAL CHILD 2 NAME/OTHER ADULT CHILD 1...OTHER ADULT CHILD 3] , who was born in [DOB MO/YR], staying with you now? <B2_X> (X=1-9) IF DOB=MISSING: Is [B1a...B1e] , who is about [AGE] years old, staying with you now? IF DOB AND AGE=MISSING: Is [B1a...B1e] , Who was a child when we first talked to you in [YR]; who was an adult when we first talked to you in [YR] staying with you now?	
B1a	YES.....1 NO2 Refused.....7 Don't Know.....8	
List of family members with Respondent at last interview	B3. Is [B3a...] , who was born in [DOB MO/YR], staying with you now? <B4_X> (X=1-9) IF DOB=MISSING: Is [B3a.....B3e] , who is about [AGE] years old, staying with you now? IF DOB AND AGE=MISSING: Is [B3a...B3e] , Who was a child when we first talked to you in [YR]; who was an adult when we first talked to you in [YR] staying with you now?	B4. IF [NAME] is >15: Now that [NAME] is older, we would like to invite them to enroll in the study. In order for us to invite them to enroll and obtain their consent to participate, we need to be able to reach them. When we contact them in the fall, we will further explain the study and let them decide whether to participate. We will not use their contact information for any other purpose. You may want to let them know that we will be in contact in the coming months to ask them if they want to participate in this important research. [If B4_X = 2] Could you please tell us [NAMEs] address, phone number and email? [If B4_X = 1]Could you please tell us [NAMEs] phone number and email?
B3a [FC1NAME]	YES.....1 NO2 Refused.....7 Don't Know.....8	Street Address: <hr/> Street Apt# City State Zip Phone Number: () _- _ ___ Cell ___ Home ___ Work Email: _____@_____.____

We would like to know if there are any other people living with you now, whom we haven't talked about yet. We are especially interested in people that you consider part of your family. By part of your family, we mean those people who would go with you if you were to move.

B5. <B5> Not including yourself and the people we just asked about, are there other people **that you consider part of your family, living with you right now?**

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 **SKIP TO C1**
- REFUSED.....7
- DON'T KNOW.....8

B5a. How many of the people who we haven't talked about yet, but are **living with you right now** are adults, 18 years old or older?

- <B5A1> NUMBER OF ADULTS _____
- <B5A2> NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____
- REFUSED.....-2
- DON'T KNOW.....-1

B5b. How many of the people who we haven't talked about yet, but are **living with you right now** are children, 17 years old or younger?

- <B5A1> NUMBER OF ADULTS _____
- <B5A2> NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____
- REFUSED.....-2
- DON'T KNOW.....-1

B6. Please tell me the first names of the **adults** who are living with you now whom we haven't talked about. By adults I mean people 18 years old or older. Do not include yourself.

<B6_X> (X=1-10)

B6a. _____

B6b. _____

B7. Please tell me the first names of the **children** who are living with you now whom we haven't talked about. By children I mean people 17 years old or younger. **Please do not include children 18 years old or older.**

<B7_X> (X=1-10)

B7a. _____

B7b. _____

B7c. _____

B7d. _____

Now I have some questions about these family members. Let's start with the adults. MORE COLUMNS WILL BE ADDED AS NEEDED. THESE ITEMS ARE ONLY COLLECTED FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE FAMILY SINCE THE LAST INTERVIEW.

	FAMILY MEMBER 1 (B6a-X)	FAMILY MEMBER 3 (B7a-X)
B8.What is [B6a/B7a]'s relationship to you?	HUSBAND OR WIFE.....1	HUSBAND OR WIFE.....1
	ROMANTIC/PARTNER.....2	ROMANTIC PARTNER.....2
	CHILD.....3	CHILD.....3
	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4
	FOSTER CHILD.....5	FOSTER CHILD.....5
	CHILD OF PARTNER.....6	CHILD OF PARTNER.....6
	SON- OR	SON- OR
	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.....7	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.....7
	MOTHER OR FATHER.....8	MOTHER OR FATHER.....8
	STEP-PARENT.....9	STEP-PARENT.....9
	MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW	MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW
	OR PARTNER'S PARENT 10	OR PARTNER'S PARENT 10
	GRANDPARENT.....11	GRANDPARENT.....11
	BROTHER OR SISTER...12	BROTHER OR SISTER...12
	BROTHER- OR	BROTHER- OR
	SISTER-IN-LAW.....13	SISTER-IN-LAW.....13
	GRANDCHILD.....14	GRANDCHILD.....14
	OTHER RELATIVE.....15	OTHER RELATIVE.....15

	FAMILY MEMBER 1 (B6a-X)	FAMILY MEMBER 3 (B7a-X)
B9 Is [B6a/B7a] male, female, or nonbinary? <B9_X> (X=1-7)	MALE.....1 FEMALE.....2 NONBINARY.....6 REFUSED.....7 DON'T KNOW.....8	MALE.....1 FEMALE.....2 NONBINARY.....6 REFUSED.....7 DON'T KNOW.....8
B10 What is [B6a/B7a]'s Date of Birth? <B10M_X> Month <B10D_X> Day <B10Y_X> Year (X=1-7) <B10AGE_X> Added variable/Used to Calculate age of DOB For B11. (0=less than year, -1=Don't know, -2 refused) IF REFUSED OR DON'T KNOW ASK B10a: B10a: How old is [NAME] now?	<div style="text-align: center;"> ____/____/____ MM DD YYYY </div> REFUSED.....-2 DON'T KNOW.....-1 <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Age </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> ____/____/____ MM DD YYYY </div> REFUSED.....-2 DON'T KNOW.....-1 <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Age </div>

Section C: Employment Status

Now I'd like to ask a couple of questions about your current employment.

- C1. Last week, did you do any work for pay?
Yes.....q1 (SKIP TO D)
Noq2
REFUSED.....q7
DON'T KNOW.....q8

- C2. When was the last time (month/year) that you worked for pay?

____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

- REFUSED.....-2
DON'T KNOW.....-1

Section D: Contact Information

SECONDARY CONTACT

[PROGRAMMER: LOOP THROUGH EXISTING SECONDARY CONTACTS TO CONFIRM CONTACT INFORMATION FOR UP TO THREE SECONDARY CONTACTS. IF INFORMATION CAN'T BE CONFIRMED, IT WILL BE UPDATED. IF LESS THAN THREE CONTACTS ARE AVAILABLE, WE WILL ASK FOR NEW CONTACTS.

To help us be able to get back in touch with you in the future when we conduct a longer telephone interview, we would also like to review the names, telephone numbers and addresses of two people we talked about last time we spoke who will always know how to reach you. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used if we are unable to contact you.

D1. When we last spoke on you said that [CONTACT X] was a person who would always know where you are and how to reach you. Is [CONTACTX] still a person who does not live with you and will always know how to contact you?

- Yes..... 1 **SKIP TO D3**
- No 2
- REFUSED 7
- DON'T KNOW 8

D2. Could you please tell me the name of a person who does not live with you and will always know how to contact you? We will not tell them why we are trying to contact you other than to participate in a research study.

- Yes..... 1
- No 2 **SKIP TO CLOSING**
- REFUSED 7
- DON'T KNOW 8

- D2a. What is his/her first name? _____
- D2b. What is his/her middle name? _____
- D2c. What is his/her last name? _____
- D2d. Does his/her name have a suffix? _____

D3. IF CONTACT #X CONFIRMED ASK: Is [CONTACT #1]'s address still:
DISPLAY FULL INFORMATION FROM THE SAMPLE FOR CONTACT 1

IF CONTACT #X IS NEW ASK: What is (his/her) street address?

FIELD INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE PROBE TO GET A FULL ADDRESS

Street address: _____

- D3a. Is there a complex/building name? _____
- D3b. Is there an apartment number? _____
- D3c. In what city? _____
- D3d. In what state? _____
- D3e. What is the zip code? _____

D4. What is (his/her) home phone number, starting with the area code?

Telephone # with area code: (_____) _____ - _____

NO HOME NUMBER AVAILABLE

D5. What is (his/her) cell phone number, starting with the area code?

Telephone # with area code: (_____) _____ - _____

NO CELL NUMBER AVAILABLE

D6. What is (his/her) email address?

NO EMAIL ADDRESS AVAILABLE

D7. What is (his/her) relationship to you?

- Friend.....1
- Relative.....2
- OTHER (SPECIFY _____).....95
- REFUSED.....97
- DON'T KNOW.....98

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