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## Youth Post-Hearing Short Survey<sup>1</sup>

<<insert organization name>> is interested in learning more about your experience with the child welfare court system. Your opinion can help us learn more about current practice and ways that we can improve. The survey is voluntary. You may also skip any questions you wish. Your responses are completely anonymous and will not impact your case in any way. This survey should take about <<insert time>> minutes to complete. If you have any questions, you can contact <<provide contact information>>.

Instructions: Allow child or youth to complete this survey **on their own** AFTER the court hearing. If they need assistance, have a law guardian or adult of their choice assist.

1. How was your experience in court today? [5-point scale] [1.13]
  - Very good
  - Good
  - Neutral [neither good nor bad]
  - Bad
  - Very bad
  
2. How do you feel about coming to court today? [1.13]
  - Glad I came
  - Neutral [neither glad nor sad]
  - I wish I had not come
  
3. Did you talk in court today? [yes or no] [1.13]
  
4. Which issues are most important to you? [Check all that apply.] [1.11]
  - Going to live with parents or relatives
  - Going to live with siblings

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<sup>1</sup> This survey was developed by Lily Colby, Esq., from With Lived Experience, along with the members of the Youth With Lived Experience Perspective Group.

- Visits with parents, relatives, or siblings
- Problems with where I live now, feeling unsafe where I live now
- Adoption
- My future
- My cultural identity
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Placement issues
- Independent living
- School or after-school activities
- Finding and connecting with family
- My sexual orientation and gender identity

5. Did you talk about issues that are important to you in court today? [Yes or no] [1.11]

6. [If yes] Did you feel that the judge understood what you were saying in court? [1.13]

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

7. [If yes] Do you think the judge will take your needs and wishes into account when making a decision? [1.13]

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

8. How do you think your case outcome changed because you attended court today? [1.13]

- Got better
- Stayed about the same
- Got worse
- Do not know

9. Would you come to court again? [Yes, no, or other \_\_\_\_\_] [1.13]

10. In what county was(is) your case? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

13. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No
- Yes

14. What is your race? (mark all that apply)

- Black/African American       White/Caucasian       American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Asian       Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander       Prefer not to answer  
 Other race \_\_\_\_\_

