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Caregiver Experience Survey¹

<<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. 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>>.

For each sentence below, please mark how much you agree using this scale:

1 = Strongly disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neither agree nor disagree, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly agree
DNA = Does not apply

Family engagement [1.4, 1.7, 1.14, 2.4, 3.6]	1	2	3	4	5	DNA
I regularly received timely notice of court hearings. [2.4]						
I was made aware that I could submit information to the court. [1.7/1.14]						
I felt like I was a part of the foster child/youth's team preparing for court. [3.6]						
I was made aware that I could attend the foster child/youth's court hearings. [1.4]						
I attended most of the foster child/youth's court dates. [1.4]						
If I submitted written information prior to court, the judge acknowledged my input prior to any ruling. [1.7]						
I understood what was going on during the foster child/youth's court hearings. [1.7]						
I was made aware that I could speak in the foster child/youth's court hearing. [1.7]						
I spoke in court hearings. [1.7]						
I felt like I could ask for additional support I needed to best serve the youth in my home. [1.14]						

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I felt like I was included in court. [1.14]						
I felt satisfied with the court experience. [1.14]						
I understood my rights as a caregiver or relative. [1.7/ 3.6]						
I understood the rights of the foster child/youth. [1.7/ 3.6]						
I felt that the judge valued my input. [1.14]						
Safety [4.2]	1	2	3	4	5	DNA
If there were safety concerns, I was able to bring those concerns to the court. [4.2]						
If I brought up safety concerns, I could trust the court would follow up to prevent future harm. [4.2]						
Permanency [1.7, 3.6]	1	2	3	4	5	DNA
The court permanency process was explained to me. [1.7]						
I was informed of my role in the permanency process. [1.7, 3.6]						
High-quality legal representation [3.6]	1	2	3	4	5	DNA
I was satisfied with the child/youth's representation. [3.6]						
The child/youth's attorney treated me with respect. [3.6]						
I understood the role of the child/youth's attorney. [3.6]						
I was able to bring information to the child/youth's attorney whenever I needed to. [3.6]						
I knew what to do if I wanted to provide feedback about my child/youth's attorney. [3.6]						

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your experience with the court?

What is your relationship to the child(ren) on the case?

What is your age? _____

What is your gender?

- Female
 Male
 Non-binary
 Other
 Prefer not to answer

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No
 Yes

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 _____