

# Reentering Fathers Program

## Entrance Survey

Thank you for participating in this program. Throughout the program we will ask you to provide information so that we can better support you, and to help monitor the program's performance. We hope you will answer all the questions asked by program staff or in surveys, but you may skip any questions you do not want to answer. Your answers will be kept private as required by law.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The information you provide will be used primarily to (a) provide you with services, (b) monitor and help improve the performance of Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) programs, and (c) help understand HMRF services and participants across programs.

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**DISCLOSURE:** This request is voluntary. The relevant SORN is 09-80-0361, OPRE Research and Evaluation Project Records.

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## A. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

[ASK ALL]

**A1. What is your sex? If you prefer not to answer, skip to question A2.**

- 1 ☐ Female
- 2 ☐ Male

[ASK ALL]

**A2. What is your current age?**

|\_|\_| YEARS OLD

[HARD CHECK: IF A2 < 18 OR A2 > 99 = Program participants must be 18 to 99 years old.]

IF A2 = NON-NUMERIC = Please enter your current age in years.]

[SOFT CHECK: IF A2 = NO RESPONSE = This question is very important. Please enter your age.]

[ASK ALL]

**A3a. What is your ethnicity?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- 2 ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

[ASK ALL]

**A3b. What is your race?**

**MARK ALL THAT APPLY**

- 1 ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- 2 ☐ Asian
- 3 ☐ Black or African American
- 4 ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 5 ☐ White
- 6 ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

[ASK IF A2 < 21 OR NO RESPONSE]

[SKIP IF A2 >= 21]

**A4. Which of the following describes your experience with foster care?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 ☐ I have never been in foster care
- 2 ☐ I left foster care over 6 months ago
- 3 ☐ I recently (in the past 6 months) left foster care
- 4 ☐ I am currently in foster care
- 5 ☐ Not sure

[ASK ALL]

**A5. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?**

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes

<sub>0</sub> ☐ No

## B. PARENTING AND CO-PARENTING

[ASK ALL]

**B1. How many children do you have who are newborn up to age 24? Do not include current pregnancies.**

|\_|\_| CHILDREN UP TO 24 YEARS OLD

[SOFT CHECK: IF B1 = NO RESPONSE = **This question is very important. Please provide an answer.**]

[HARD CHECK: IF B1 < 0 = **Number of children must be 0 or greater.**

IF B1 = NON-NUMERIC = **Please enter count of children as a number.**]

[IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE, GO TO C1]

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**The next questions are about your youngest child. We only ask about your youngest child to reduce the number of questions on the survey.**

**B2. What is your youngest child's first name or initials?**

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[SOFT CHECK: IF B2 = NO RESPONSE = **This question is very important. Please provide a response.**]

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**B3. How old is [YOUNGEST]?**

|\_|\_| YEARS OLD OR |\_|\_| MONTHS OLD

[SHOW OPEN-TEXT FIELD AND DROP-DOWN FOR CLIENT TO SELECT MONTHS OR YEARS]

[HARD CHECK IF B3 > 11 MONTHS = **Please enter age in years for children over 11 months old.**

HARD CHECK IF B3 > 24 YEARS = **Your child's age should be less than 25 years old.**

HARD CHECK IF B3 = 0 OR NON-NUMERIC = **Please enter the age of your child in months or years.**

HARD CHECK IF B3 > 0 AND MONTHS / YEARS DROP-DOWN = NO RESPONSE = **Please select months or years.**]

[SOFT CHECK IF B3 = NO RESPONSE = **Please enter the age of your child in months or years.**]

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**B4. When is the last time you saw [YOUNGEST]?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 ☐ In the past month
- 2 ☐ In the past year
- 3 ☐ More than a year ago
- 4 ☐ Never

[ASK IF B4 = 1, OR NO RESPONSE]

[SKIP IF B4 = 2, 3, OR 4]

**B5. In the past month, how often did you see [YOUNGEST]?**

**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 ☐ I did not see this child in the past month

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**B6. In the past month, how often did you....**

MARK ONLY ONE PER ROW

|                                                                | Every day<br>or almost<br>every day | One to<br>three times<br>a week | One to<br>three times<br>in the past<br>month | Never in<br>the past<br>month |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Talk to [YOUNGEST] on the phone?.....                       | 1 <input type="radio"/>             | 2 <input type="radio"/>         | 3 <input type="radio"/>                       | 4 <input type="radio"/>       |
| b. Write to [YOUNGEST], such as letters or text messages?..... | 1 <input type="radio"/>             | 2 <input type="radio"/>         | 3 <input type="radio"/>                       | 4 <input type="radio"/>       |

[ASK IF (B4 = 1 AND (B5 = 1, 2, 3, OR NO RESPONSE)) OR (B6a = 1, 2, OR 3) OR (B6b = 1, 2, OR 3)]

**B7. In the past month, how often have you talked with [YOUNGEST] about things he or she is especially interested in?**

**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

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**Now we would like to ask some questions about the other parent or coparent of your youngest child.**

**B8. Have you seen or talked to the other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] in the past month?**

- 1 ☐ Yes
- 0 ☐ No

[ASK IF B8 = 1]

[SKIP IF B8 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**B9. Thinking about [YOUNGEST], how much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

MARK ONLY ONE PER ROW

|                                                                                                                                 | Strongly agree          | Agree                   | Neutral                 | Disagree                | Strongly disagree       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] contradicts the decisions I made about [YOUNGEST].....                            | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| b. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] makes negative comments, jokes, or sarcastic comments about the way I parent..... | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| c. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] undermines me as a parent.....                                                    | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| d. The other parent or coparent and I discuss the best way to meet [YOUNGEST]'s needs.....                                      | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| e. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] and I share information about [YOUNGEST] with each other.....                     | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| f. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] and I make joint decisions about [YOUNGEST].....                                  | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| g. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] and I try to understand where each other is coming from.....                      | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |
| h. The other parent or coparent of [YOUNGEST] and I respect each other's decisions made about [YOUNGEST].....                   | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> | 5 <input type="radio"/> |

## C. ECONOMIC STABILITY

[ASK ALL]

**C1. Are you currently in jail, prison, or a detention center?**

- ☐ 1 Yes → GO TO C3
- ☐ 0 No

[ASK IF C1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

[SKIP IF C1 = 1]

**C2. What is your current living situation?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- ☐ 1 Own your home or have a mortgage
- ☐ 2 Rent or pay some amount toward rent
- ☐ 3 Live rent free with a friend or relative
- ☐ 4 Couch surf or move from home to home
- ☐ 5 Live in a shelter, halfway house, or treatment center
- ☐ 6 Live on the streets, in a car, abandoned building, or another place not meant for sleeping
- ☐ 8 Other

[ASK ALL]

**C3. Do you have a job now?**

- ☐ 1 Yes
- ☐ 0 No → GO TO C5

[ASK IF C3 = 1]

[SKIP IF C3 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**C4. Is it a work release job?**

- ☐ 1 Yes
- ☐ 0 No

[ASK ALL]

**C5. What is the highest degree, diploma, or certification you have earned?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- ☐ 1 No degree or diploma earned
- ☐ 2 High school GED
- ☐ 3 High school diploma
- ☐ 4 Vocational/technical certification
- ☐ 5 Some college, but no degree
- ☐ 6 Associate's degree
- ☐ 7 Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or other advanced degree

[ASK ALL]

**C6. Have you participated in education or job training programs in the past month?**

- 1 ☐ Yes  
0 ☐ No

[ASK ALL]

**C7. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

MARK ONLY ONE PER ROW

|                                              | Strongly agree          | Agree                   | Disagree                | Strongly disagree       |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. I would like to learn new job skills..... | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> |
| b. I have good job skills.....               | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> | 4 <input type="radio"/> |

[ASK IF C3 = 1]

[SKIP IF C3 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**C8. How confident are you in working out differences respectfully with your boss or coworkers?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- 1 ☐ Not at all  
2 ☐ Somewhat  
3 ☐ Very

[ASK IF B1 > 0]

[SKIP IF B1 = 0 OR NO RESPONSE]

**C9. Do you have a legal arrangement or child support order that requires you to provide financial support for ANY of your children who do not live with you all or most of the time?**

- 1 ☐ Yes  
0 ☐ No  
2 ☐ I don't know

## D. MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS

[ASK ALL]

### D1. What is your current marital status?

MARK ONE ONLY

- 1 ☐ Married
  - 2 ☐ Engaged
  - 3 ☐ Separated
  - 4 ☐ Divorced
  - 5 ☐ Widowed
  - 6 ☐ Never married
- GO TO D3

[ASK IF D1 = 3, 4, 5, 6, OR NO RESPONSE]

[SKIP IF D1 = 1 OR 2]

### D2. What is your current partner status?

MARK ONE ONLY

- 1 ☐ No current partner (unpartnered or single) → GO TO D6
- 2 ☐ I am romantically involved or in a committed relationship with someone on a steady basis
- 3 ☐ I am involved in an on-again and off-again relationship

[ASK IF (D1 = 1 OR 2) OR (D2 = 2 OR 3)]

[SKIP IF (D1 = 3, 4, 5, 6, OR NO RESPONSE) AND (D2 = 1 OR NO RESPONSE)]

### D3. When was the last time you saw your current spouse or partner?

MARK ONE ONLY

- 1 ☐ In the past month
- 2 ☐ In the past year
- 3 ☐ More than a year ago
- 4 ☐ Never

[ASK IF (D1 = 1 OR 2) OR (D2 = 2 OR 3)]

[SKIP IF (D1 = 3, 4, 5, 6, OR NO RESPONSE) AND (D2 = 1 OR NO RESPONSE)]

### D4. In the past month, how often have you talked on the phone with your partner/spouse?

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 ☐ I did not talk to my partner/spouse on the phone in the past month

[ASK IF D3 = 1 OR (D4 = 1, 2, OR 3)]

[SKIP IF (D3 = 2, 3, 4, OR NO RESPONSE) AND (D4 = 4 OR NO RESPONSE)]

**D5. How confident are you in working out differences respectfully with your spouse or partner?**

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- ☐ 1 Not at all
- ☐ 2 Somewhat
- ☐ 3 Very

[ASK ALL]

**D6. In the past month, about how often have you attended religious services?**

[DISPLAY OPTION 5 IF C1 = 1 OR NO RESPONSE]

[HIDE OPTION 5 IF C1 = 0]

**MARK ONE ONLY**

- ☐ I do not have access to religious services in this facility
- ☐ I did not attend religious services in the past month
- ☐ 1 to 3 times in the past month
- ☐ 1 to 3 times a week
- ☐ Every day or almost every day

## E. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

[ASK ALL]

### E1. How or where did you hear about this program?

#### MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Program offered in prison or criminal legal facility
- ☐ Newspaper ad, billboard, or a flyer
- ☐ Radio ad, TV commercial, or news story
- ☐ Internet ad or social media
- ☐ Government agency, such as TANF, WIC, child support, child protective services, child welfare, or parole/probation office
- ☐ Community organization, such as a school, hospital, maternity clinic, doctor's office, place of worship, Head Start, or Healthy Start center
- ☐ Program staff in the community or at a community event, such as a street fair
- ☐ Word of mouth (friends, family, acquaintances)
- ☐ My school offered the program or class
- ☐ Other

[ASK ALL]

### E2. What is the main reason you chose to enroll in this program?

#### MARK ONE ONLY

- 1 ☐ To learn about being a better parent
- 2 ☐ To learn how to improve my personal relationships, such as with my partner or coparent
- 3 ☐ To find a job or a better job
- 4 ☐ To meet a school requirement
- 5 ☐ My friends were coming
- 6 ☐ My spouse/partner asked me to come
- 7 ☐ My parole/probation officer told me to enroll in a program like this
- 8 ☐ A court ordered me to enroll in a program like this
- 9 ☐ None of the above

**Thank you for completing this survey!**