INSTRUMENT 2: BASELINE SURVEY
Evaluation of the Community Choice Demonstration

[FOR REVIEWERS:

Enrollment is a five-step process. This document, the Baseline Survey, represents the fourth step.

1) Household Roster [Administered by PHA staff; either in-person or remotely (videoconference or phone)]
2) Informed Consent [Administered by PHA staff; either in-person or remotely]
    a. Head of Household Consent
    b. Consent for Child Data Collection (signed by Head of Household)
    c. Other Adult consent if other adults are present. If not, Other adult consent will be obtained after enrollment.
3) Baseline Information Form (BIF) [Administered by PHA staff; either in-person or remotely]
4) Baseline survey [Self-administered by Head of Household; either in-person on provided tablet or remotely on own device]
5) Random Assignment, and communication of assignment status [Performed by PHA staff]

As noted above, the baseline survey will be self-administered by household heads during the enrollment process. The baseline survey comes after PHA staff administer the Household Roster, obtains informed consent, and administers the BIF. If enrollment is done in the office, PHA staff will provide the head of household with a tablet, set them up at a computer workstation, or allow the head of household to complete on their own smartphone. If the enrollment is done remotely, the head of household will receive a personalized link to log in to the enrollment tool and complete the survey on their own device. After the household head completes the baseline survey, the PHA staff will perform random assignment and provide them with an explanation on next steps and their $25 incentive.]

SURVEY INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. The information you provide may be used to help HUD improve the voucher program and may be used to help other families in the future. You will be asked some questions about your current neighborhood, your experiences, and your overall well-being. Your responses will not affect your current or future receipt of housing assistance or other benefits. Please remember that your participation is voluntary and you can choose not to answer questions. We appreciate your input.

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[**Reviewer Note**: All items require a clicked response, but that response can be "Prefer not to answer". Questions are displayed one numbered question at a time, and respondents are required to click "Continue" before displaying next question. Uppercase letter ("A", "B",…) denotes a non-mutually exclusive response option or a distinct item in a multipart question. Respondents will see a check box to select their response(s). Questions with non-mutually exclusive response options will indicate when they can check all that apply.]

The first set of questions asks about your housing and neighborhood.

1. Where do you currently live?

   (1) In an apartment, home, or room that you rent or sublet
   (2) In a home or apartment that you own
   (3) In an apartment, home, or room that friends or extended family rents where you contribute to part of the rent
   (4) With friends or family, where you do not pay any rent
   (5) Homeless or in a group shelter (*Skip current home items: Q2, Q6H, Q6I*)
   (6) Other housing arrangement: _____
   (7) Prefer not to answer

2. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The size or physical condition of my home makes it harder to be the parent I want to be for my children"?

   A. Strongly agree
   B. Agree
   C. Agree somewhat
   D. Disagree
   E. Strongly disagree
   F. Prefer not to answer

3. How many years have you lived in the [SITE/METROPOLITAN AREA NAME] area in your lifetime?

   (1) Number of years (please round to the nearest number): _____
   (2) Less than one year
   (3) I don't live in the [SITE] area
   (4) Prefer not to answer

4. How many years have you lived in your current neighborhood?

   (1) Number of years (please round to the nearest number): _____
   (2) Less than one year
   (3) Prefer not to answer

5. Which of the following statements best describes how satisfied you are with your current neighborhood?

   (1) Very satisfied
   (2) Somewhat satisfied
   (3) In the middle
   (4) Somewhat dissatisfied
   (5) Very dissatisfied
   (6) Prefer not to answer

The next questions are about specific features of your current neighborhood.

6. How satisfied are you with … [For each: Very satisfied to Very dissatisfied, Prefer not to answer; Repeat "How satisfied are you with…" for each subpart]

   A. The friendliness of neighbors in your neighborhood?
   B. The racial and ethnic mix of your neighborhood?
   C. How near your neighborhood is to your job? [Responses: Very satisfied to Very dissatisfied, Not applicable, Prefer not to answer]
   D. Your neighborhood's access to public transportation?
   E. The appearance of your neighborhood (cleanliness, lack of graffiti)?
   F. The amenities of your neighborhood (parks, access to shops, places of worship, schools, dining)?
   G. How near your neighborhood is to your family and friends?
   H. The size of your home? [*Skip if Q1 = 5*]
   I. The quality of your home? [*Skip if Q1 = 5*]

7. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The neighborhood conditions where I live make it harder to be the parent I want to be for my children"?

   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Agree somewhat
   (4) Disagree
   (5) Strongly disagree
   (6) Prefer not to answer

8. Where you live now, how much of a problem are rats, mice, cockroaches or other vermin?

   (1) Big problem
   (2) Small problem
   (3) No problem at all
   (4) Prefer not to answer

9. How safe are the streets near your home during the day?

   (1) Very safe
   (2) Safe
   (3) Somewhat unsafe
   (4) Unsafe
   (5) Very unsafe
   (6) Prefer not to answer

10. How safe are the streets near your home at night?

   (1) Very safe
   (2) Safe
   (3) Somewhat unsafe
   (4) Unsafe
   (5) Very unsafe
   (6) Prefer not to answer

11. How often are you worried about gun violence in your neighborhood?

   (1) None of the time
   (2) A little of the time
   (3) Some of the time
   (4) Most of the time
   (5) All of the time
   (6) Prefer not to answer

12. Please tell me if any of the following things have happened to you or anyone who lives with you in the past 6 months:

   A. Was anyone's purse, wallet, or jewelry snatched from them? [Yes, No, Prefer not to answer]
   B. Was anyone threatened with a knife or gun? [Yes, No, Prefer not to answer]
   C. Was anyone beaten or assaulted? [Yes, No, Prefer not to answer]
   D. Was anyone stabbed or shot? [Yes, No, Prefer not to answer]
   E. Did anyone try to break into your home? [Yes, No, Prefer not to answer]

13. Which of the following are located in or near your current neighborhood? (Check all that apply) [*Respondent needs to check either Yes, No, or Not Applicable for items A. – K., unless L. Prefer not to answer is checked.]*

A. One or more of my children's childcare providers
B. One or more of my children's after-school activities
C. My job or the job of another person in the household
D. Other family members who do not live with me
E. Close friends who do not live with me
F. My church or place of worship
G. Other community groups I or my family is involved with
H. My primary care doctor
I. The primary care doctor of one or more of my children
J. Other medical services that I or others in the household use regularly
K. Other important services (specify)_____
L. Prefer not to answer

The next few questions will help us to understand what things are important to you in a home and neighborhood.

14. .How much pressure do you feel to find a new unit soon?

(1) No pressure
(2) A little pressure
(3) Some pressure
(4) A lot of pressure
(5) Prefer not to answer

15. A. [*If Existing Voucher Family*] Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about staying in your current neighborhood?

B. [*If New Voucher Family]* Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about staying in your current neighborhood if you receive a voucher?

(1) I am very sure I want to stay
(2) I am somewhat sure I want to stay
(3) I am somewhat sure I want to move to a different neighborhood
(4) I am very sure I want to move to a different neighborhood
(5) Prefer not to answer

The next few questions ask about your housing search.

16. A. [*If New Voucher Family]* Have you already found a home for which you would like to use your housing voucher?

B. [*If Existing Voucher Family]* Have you already found a new home for which you would like to use your housing voucher?

(1) Yes
(2) No (*Skip to Q18*)
(3) Prefer not to answer

17. Is the apartment or house that you identified in your current neighborhood?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No (*Skip to Q21)*
    (3) Prefer not to answer

18. [*If Q16 is "No"*] What are the reasons you might consider staying in the same neighborhood? Please check all that apply.

    [*If Q17 is "Yes" or "Prefer not to answer"*] What are the reasons you've chosen an apartment or house in the same neighborhood? Please check all that apply.

    A. I want to keep my children in the same schools
    B. I want to stay near my childcare
    C. I want to stay near my job
    D. I want to stay near my family and friends
    E. For another reason (Please specify) _____
    F. Prefer not to answer [*"Prefer not to answer" response cannot be combined with any other responses.*]

19. Are you willing to consider moving to a new neighborhood?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No (*Skip to Q25*)
    (3) Prefer not to answer

20. How sure are you that you could find a home in a new neighborhood in [Site]?

    (1) Very sure
    (2) Fairly sure
    (3) Not very sure
    (4) Not at all sure
    (5) Prefer not to answer

21. Below is a list of things that people think about when deciding where to move. Please tell us the **three** most important things to you. Please read the list below and type 1 next to the most important, type 2 next to the second most important, and type 3 next to the third most important.

Question 21	
(a) School quality	
(b) Safety	
(c) Neighbors are friendly	
(d) Convenient location for work	
(e) Close to public transportation	
(f) Neighborhood appearance (cleanliness, lack of graffiti)	
(g) Neighborhood amenities (parks, access to shops, places of worship, dining)	
(h) To be near my family or friends	
(i) Size or quality of home	
(j) Other (specify) _____	
(k) Prefer not to answer	

The next few questions are about how you would feel moving to a new neighborhood in different situations.

22. How comfortable would you feel about moving to a neighborhood where most of the residents are of a different race or ethnicity from your own?

(1) Very comfortable
(2) Comfortable
(3) In the middle
(4) Uncomfortable
(5) Very uncomfortable
(6) Prefer not to answer

23. How comfortable would you feel about having your children attend a school where most of the children are of a different race or ethnicity from them?

    (1) Very comfortable
    (2) Comfortable
    (3) In the middle
    (4) Uncomfortable
    (5) Very uncomfortable
    (6) Prefer not to answer

The next few questions are about discrimination. Sometimes people feel they are discriminated against, or treated badly or differently because of their race, ethnicity, color, language, or the country they or their family came from.

24. Do you think that you have ever been discriminated against…[*Respondent needs to check yes or no for A.-G. unless H. Prefer not to answer is checked.*]?

    A. In trying to rent or buy an apartment or house?
    B. In your child's school?
    C. By public housing agency staff?
    D. By your neighbors?
    E. By law enforcement?
    F. When looking for employment?
    G. At some other time: _____ ? [*Open end, without yes/no response options*]
    H. Prefer not to answer

The next set of questions are about your household finances.

25. In general, how do your household's finances usually work out at the end of the month?

    (1) There is some money left over
    (2) There is just enough to make ends meet
    (3) There is not enough money to make ends meet
    (4) Prefer not to answer

26. Do you currently have a savings or checking account at a bank or a credit union?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

27. People often have expenses when they move. If you do not receive any help from a program, how sure are you that you will be able to pay for any moving expenses? Moving expenses include things like security deposits, first and last month's rent, and move-in fees.

    (1) Very sure
    (2) Fairly sure
    (3) Not very sure
    (4) Not at all sure
    (5) Prefer not to answer

28. Do you currently have any past due balances owed for utilities such as gas, electricity, or water?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

29. In the past, have you ever had a rental application denied by a landlord or rental agent/property manager because of your credit score?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

30. Do you think a landlord will find problems with your credit when they do a credit check to approve your application?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

31. During the past seven years, has a landlord ever told you to leave your rental unit because of nonpayment of rent or lease violations?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No *(Skip to Q33)*
    (3) Prefer not to answer

32. To the best of your knowledge, did the landlord file a case with the court to make you leave the apartment or home?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

33. Thinking about all your housing experiences, have you ever had to move when you didn't want to or expect to? This could have been because a landlord pressured you to leave or raised the rent or wouldn't fix anything, or the building was condemned or some other reason.

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

34. A. In the last 12 months, since last (name of current month), did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

(1) Yes
(2) No (*Skip to Q35*)
(3) Prefer not to answer (*Skip to Q35*)

B. [*If Q34A= "Yes"*] How often did this happen—almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months?

(1) Almost every month
(2) Some months but not every month
(3) Only 1 or 2 months
(4) Prefer not to answer

The next few questions are about your job and transportation.

35. Are you currently working for pay?

(1) Yes
(2) No (*Skip to Q40*)
(3) Prefer not to answer (*Skip to Q40*)

36. About how many hours per week do you usually work? (*Round the time to the nearest whole hour. For example, if you work 22.5 hours per week, please record 23 hours.*)

(1) _____ hours
(2) Prefer not to answer

37. How do you usually get to work? If you work at multiple jobs or locations, think about the one you work at most often.

(1) By car or carpool
(2) By bus, subway, or other public transportation
(3) Walking
(4) I work at home (*Skip to Q40*)
(5) Other (specify) _____
(6) Prefer not to answer

38. How long does it take you to get to your job?

(1) _____ minutes
(2) I have multiple employment locations (*Skip to Q40*)
(3) Prefer not to answer

39. What zip code (or street address and city) do you currently work in?

(1) _____ (5 character zip code)
(2) *[If zip code not known]* Street address and city: _____ (255 characters)
(3) I work in multiple employment locations
(4) Prefer not to answer

40. Do you or anyone in your household have a valid driver's license?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Prefer not to answer

41. Do you or anyone in your household usually have access to a car that runs?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Prefer not to answer

The next two questions are about education.

42. Are you currently attending school or taking classes?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Prefer not to answer

43. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

(1) Grade 9 or less
(2) Grade 10 or grade 11
(3) Attended grade 12 but did not receive high school diploma or GED certificate
(4) High school diploma
(5) GED certificate
(6) Some vocational/technical/business courses
(7) Vocational/technical/business certificate or diploma
(8) Some college
(9) Associate's or two-year college degree
(10) Bachelor's or four-year college degree or higher
(11) Prefer not to answer

The next few questions are about your overall well-being.

44. Taken all together, how would you say things are these days; would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

(1) Very happy
(2) Pretty happy
(3) Not too happy
(4) Prefer not to answer

45. A.-F. [*Repeat "How much of the time during the past 30 days have you felt…" in front of each statement A.–F. Make sure response options are visible for each statement.*]

How much of the time during the past 30 days have you felt…	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time	Prefer not to answer
A. …nervous?						
B. …hopeless?						
C. …restless or fidgety?						
D. …so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?						
E. …that everything was an effort?						
F. …worthless?						

The next few questions are about your health.

46. In general, how would you rate your overall health now? Is it…

(1) Excellent
(2) Very good
(3) Good
(4) Fair
(5) Poor
(6) Prefer not to answer

47. Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Prefer not to answer

48. Do all of your children who are aged 17 or younger currently have health insurance coverage?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Prefer not to answer

49. Are you currently pregnant?

(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) Not applicable
(4) Prefer not to answer

50. Has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you had gestational diabetes, a type of diabetes that occurs only during pregnancy?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Not applicable
    (4) Prefer not to answer

51. [*If Q50= "No" or "Prefer not to answer"*] Has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you had diabetes?

    [*If Q50= "Yes"*] Not including gestational diabetes, has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you had diabetes?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

52. How tall are you without shoes?

    A. Feet _____
    B. Inches _____
    C. Prefer not to answer

53. [*If Q49= "No" or "Prefer not to answer"*] How much do you weigh?

    [*If Q49= "Yes"*] How much did you weigh before your pregnancy?

    A. Pounds _____
    B. Prefer not to answer

The last few questions are about your background.

54. Do you consider yourself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

    (1) Yes
    (2) No
    (3) Prefer not to answer

55. Do you consider yourself to be: (Check all that apply)

    A. American Indian or Alaska Native
    B. Asian
    C. Black or African American
    D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
    E. White
    F. Some other race (Specify) _____
    G. Prefer not to answer

56. In what country were you born?

(1) USA (*Skip to End*)
(2) Another country (Specify) _____
(3) Prefer not to answer

57. How many years have you lived in the United States?

(1) _____
(2) Prefer not to answer

58. If you would like, please provide additional detail for any of your responses to the questions above.

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Thank you very much for completing this survey! At the end of the enrollment process the PHA staff member you are working with will [IF IN-PERSON: give/IF REMOTE: send] you a letter describing which of the study groups you were placed in and next steps you should take. This letter will be accompanied by a $25 gift card.