



Parent and Community Asset Survey

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

We are interested in learning more about how the supports and resources parents often find in the communities in which they live can help them care for their children. These first few questions ask about the resources available in your community.

1. **Communities often have organizations that support families. Please indicate if you are familiar with and if you have used the following organizations or institutions in your community. (Please circle all that apply)**

	Are you familiar with the organization?		Have you used the organization?	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Religious or faith organizations				
Hospital/urgent care clinics				
Primary care doctors or pediatricians				
Neighborhood watch organization or resident, tenant or homeowner's association				
Parent organizations that work with schools like the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or school improvement councils				
Sport or recreational programs for children and youth (e.g., Little League, scouting, music/dance programs)				
Programs for pre-school children (2-4 years of age)				
Center-based child care				
Libraries				
Parenting education/support programs				
Home visiting programs				
Family Resource Centers				
Respite or emergency care for young children				

2. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
I can generally get to where I need to go in my community.					
I feel safe in my neighborhood.					
My community is overall a clean, well-kept community.					
People generally can find work in or near my community.					
I can find help with childcare in my community when I need it.					
I am very satisfied with my neighborhood as a place to live.					
My community has educational opportunities for children.					

3. People have different ways of describing their community. How well do the following statements describe people in your community?¹

	Not at all	Some-what	Mostly	All of the time	Don't know
If I had an emergency, even people I do not know in this community would be willing to help.					
People here know they can get help from the community if they are in trouble.					
People can depend on each other in this community.					
My friends in this community are a part of my everyday activities.					
Living in this community gives me a secure feeling.					
This is a very good community to bring up children.					

¹ Questions 2 and 3 adapted from the American Family Assets Study (Search Institute)

4. From time to time, people in communities often offer help to each other to deal with simple issues around parenting. In the past 30 days, have you helped a neighbor or friend by:

	No	Once	More than once
Taking care of their child(ren) on a regular basis (e.g. weekly or daily)?			
Taking care of their child(ren) when something unexpected happened?			
Running an errand for them, helping them shop, giving them a ride somewhere, or helping them around the house with a chore/repair?			
Lend them things like money, tools, food, or clothing?			
Giving them some advice or information about raising your child(ren)?			

5. Now thinking about this in terms of help you might have needed, in the past 30 days, have you asked a neighbor or friend to:²

	No	Once	More than once
Look after your child(ren) on a regular basis (e.g. weekly or daily)?			
Look after your child(ren) when something unexpected happened?			
Run an errand for you, help you with shopping, give you a ride somewhere, or help you around the house with a chore or repair?			
Lend you things like money, tools, food, or clothing?			
Give you some advice or information about raising your child(ren)?			

² Self-mutual help questions (4 and 5) were used in past Chapin Hall parent surveys.

FAMILY SUPPORTS

Thinking about your own family, the next few questions ask about how families can help each other support and care for their children.

6. Many families have a number of strengths as well as challenges. From the statements listed below, please indicate how well each characteristic describes your family.

	Rarely	On occasion	Most of the time
In my family, we talk about problems.			
In my family, we take time to listen to each other.			
My family pulls together when things are stressful.			
My family is able to solve our problems.			
My family can consistently meet our basic material needs (e.g., food, clothing and shelter).			
My family enjoys spending time together.			
Members of my family are emotionally and physically healthy.			
My family is able to find resources in the community when we need them.			

7. Raising children can be challenging. Please indicate how often each statement applies to you in thinking about the relationship with your youngest child living in your home.³

	Rarely	On occasion	Most of the time
I know how to help my child.			
I believe my child misbehaves just to upset me.			
I praise my child when he/she behaves well.			
When I discipline my child, I lose control.			
I am happy being with my child.			
My child and I are very close to each other.			
I am able to soothe my child when he/she is upset.			
I spend time with my child doing what he/she likes to do.			
I know what to expect from my child as he/she grows and develops.			

³ Questions 6 and 7 revised from the Protective Factors Survey, http://friendsnrc.org/jdownloads/attachments/pfs_revised_2012.pdf.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This final set of questions will help us understand a bit more about you.

8. In what year were you born? _____
9. Please specify your gender: Male _____ Female _____
10. Which Ethnicity/Race best describes you? (please select all that apply)
- African American or Black
 - American Indian/Alaska Native
 - Asian American
 - Hispanic or Latino American
 - Caucasian/White
 - Other: _____
11. What is your highest level of education?
- Less than high school
 - High school graduate/GED
 - Some college/post-secondary school/ Technical School
 - College graduate
 - Graduate Degree(s)
12. What is your estimated Household Income?
- Under \$10,000
 - 10,000 to \$29,999
 - 30,000 to \$49,999
 - 50,000 to \$74,999
 - \$75,000 or over
13. How many children under age 18 are currently living with you? _____
14. What is the age of the youngest child currently living at home? _____
15. Do you share caregiving responsibilities for your child(ren) with another adult on a regular basis?
- Yes
 - No
16. Have you, or other adults who share caregiving responsibilities for your child(ren), ever served in the U.S. military?
- Yes
 - No
17. Please list the ZIP Code in which you live: _____