

Community Survey

Thank you for participating in this survey. This survey is part of a larger needs assessment that will help our community understand the strengths of our community as well as the gaps in child maltreatment prevention. We will be using this information to help respond to a Request for Proposals from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Our hope is that we can obtain funds to strengthen child maltreatment efforts in our community. Your responses are anonymous. All information will be reported in aggregate form.

Part 1: Your background

Please tell us about yourself by checking the box that most applies.

Which best describes the professional sector you currently work in? Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Day care <input type="checkbox"/> Private, non-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Public, non-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
What is your highest level of education or degree obtained? Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Some high school <input type="checkbox"/> High school, GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
In what capacity do you work with children and families? Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Teach <input type="checkbox"/> Provide case management services <input type="checkbox"/> Provide counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Provide medical care <input type="checkbox"/> Provide early childhood education <input type="checkbox"/> Provide emergency assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Supervise staff who provide any of the above services <input type="checkbox"/> Manage an entity that provides any of the above services <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
How long have you worked in this community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than a year <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11+ years
How long have you lived in this community?	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not live in this community <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11+ years

Part 2: Parenting behaviors

Please tell us about how often you witness the following behaviors in our community. We are not asking about your own parenting, but rather, what you see in the families you work with.

	Never	Once in a while	About half the time	Very often	Always
1. Parents are responsive to my child's feelings or needs.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Parents use physical punishment as a way of disciplining my child.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Parents take their child's desires into account before asking the child to do something.	1	2	3	4	5
4. When a child asks why he/she has to conform, Parents state: "because I said so", or "I am your parent and I want you to."	1	2	3	4	5
5. Parents explain to their child how the parent feels about the child's good and bad behavior.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Parents spank when their child is disobedient.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Parents encourage their child to talk about his or her troubles.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Parents encourage their child to freely express himself/herself even when disagreeing with parents.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Parents punish by taking privileges away from their child with little if any explanations.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Parents emphasize the reasons for rules.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Parents give comfort and understanding when their child is upset.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Parents yell or shout when their child misbehaves.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Parents give praise when their child is good.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Parents explode in anger towards their child.	1	2	3	4	5
15. Parents take into account their child's preferences in making plans for the family.	1	2	3	4	5
16. Parents grab their child when he/she is being disobedient.	1	2	3	4	5
17. Parents show respect for their child's opinions by encouraging him or her to express them.	1	2	3	4	5
18. Parents allow their child to give input into family rules.	1	2	3	4	5
19. Parents scold and criticize to make their child improve.	1	2	3	4	5
20. Parents give their child reasons why rules should be obeyed.	1	2	3	4	5
21. Parents use threats as punishment with little or no justification.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Parents have warm and intimate times together with their child.	1	2	3	4	5
23. Parents punish by putting their child off somewhere alone with little if any explanations.	1	2	3	4	5
24. Parents help their child to understand the impact of behavior by encouraging child to talk about the consequences of his/her own actions.	1	2	3	4	5
25. Parents scold or criticize when child's behavior doesn't meet my expectations.	1	2	3	4	5
26. Parents explain the consequences child's behavior.	1	2	3	4	5
27. Parents slap their child when child misbehaves.	1	2	3	4	5

Part 3: Issues impacting families

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about families in your community.

	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Agree
1. A large portion of parents in our community drink too much alcohol.	1	2	3	4	5
2. A large portion of parents in our community use illegal drugs.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Most parents in our community do not take their children for regular well-child exams.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Most parents in our community do not have regular health insurance for their children.	1	2	3	4	5
5. A large portion of the parents in our community have a mental illness.	1	2	3	4	5
6. A large portion of the parents in our community do not receive mental healthcare.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Our neighborhoods are generally safe.	1	2	3	4	5
8. A large portion of children in our community witness family violence.	1	2	3	4	5
9. A large portion of children in our community witness neighborhood violence.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Families in our community are afraid of the police.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Most of the children in our community are being raised by one parent.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Parents in our community can almost always provide food for their children.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Parents in our community have stable housing.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Parents in our community are employed at jobs that provide a living wage.	1	2	3	4	5
15. There are employment opportunities for parents in our community.	1	2	3	4	5
16. Affordable, quality childcare is available to most families in our community.	1	2	3	4	5

Part 4: Community resources

In this section, you need to customize items for your community. Through your stakeholder interviews, you should have identified a couple different ideas about where to intervene. For instance, if you think starting a workgroup on sexual abuse prevention is important, ask participants how likely they are to support that intervention, refer people to it and if they think it will make a difference.

Part 5: Closing

Is there any other insight you want to share on the best way to prevent child maltreatment in our community?