State of the State Survey focusing on Michigan’s Children, Youth and Families

Telephone Interview Questions

Hello: Is this ___ - ___ - ____? ___ Yes ___ No

(IF NO, TERMINATE INTERVIEW, E.G., I am sorry I have the wrong number.)

Is this a residential telephone? ___ Yes ___ No

(IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.,: I am sorry I have the wrong number.)

This is ________________ at Michigan State University. I am calling from our Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. We are doing a statewide study about how Michigan citizens feel about the families and communities in which they live and what can be done to improve them. Your telephone number was drawn in a random sample of the entire state.

The questions I need to ask should take about twenty minutes. I want to add that I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the study, either now or later, okey?

Let me also tell you that this interview is completely voluntary. Should we come to any question that you do not want to answer, just let me know and we will go on to the next question.

Do you have specific questions before we begin the interview?

First, I have a few questions about the community in which you live.

1. How would classify the community you live in? Would you say it is:
   (a) rural, (b) small town, (c) suburban, or (d) urban community?

2. What would you say the most important problem facing your community today?
   (Specify) __________________________________________
   ___ Don’t know
   ___ Refused

3. What would you say the most important problem facing your family today?
   (Specify) __________________________________________
   ___ Don’t know
   ___ Refused

4. What would you say the most important problem facing the children and youth in your community today?
   (Specify) __________________________________________
   ___ Don’t know
   ___ Refused
The next series of questions relate to some issues that may be important to you and others in your community. For each issue, think about how critical or important that issue is in relationship to other issues or concerns facing your family.

5a. How important is the need to provide safe environment for children from abuse, neglect and violence in your community? Would you say this is:
   (a) very important
   (b) somewhat important
   (c) not very important
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer

5b. How well do you believe this issue relating to safe environment for children from abuse, neglect and violence are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   (a) many programs, much attention
   (b) some programs, some attention
   (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer

5c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on safe environment for children from abuse, neglect and violence for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?
   (a) Michigan State University Extension
   (b) local police or sheriff
   (c) local or state human service agencies
   (d) local school
   (e) local church or synagog or temple
   (f) don’t know
   (g) other (specify)_________________________

6a. How important is the need to provide parenting education for limited-resource families or adults with limited reading skills? Would you say this is:
   (a) very important
   (b) somewhat important
   (c) not very important
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer
6b. How well do you believe the needs related to parenting education for limited-resource families or adults with limited reading skills is currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   (a) many programs, much attention
   (b) some programs, some attention
   (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer

6c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on parenting education for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?
   (a) Michigan State University Extension
   (b) local or state human service agencies
   (c) local school
   (d) local church or synagog or temple
   (e) don’t know
   (f) other (specify)_________________________

7a. How important is the need to develop parenting skills among parents of teenagers? Would you say this is:
   (a) very important
   (b) somewhat important
   (c) not very important
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer

7b. How well do you believe the needs related to parenting skills for parents of teenager is currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   (a) many programs, much attention
   (b) some programs, some attention
   (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   (d) don’t know
   (e) refuse to answer

7c. If you were to seek out a program focusing on parenting skills for parents of teenagers where would you be most likely to turn to?
   (a) Michigan State University Extension
   (b) local or state human service agencies
   (c) local school
   (d) local church or synagog or temple
   (e) don’t know
   (f) other (specify)_________________________
8a. How important is the need to provide food and nutrition education covering topics such as nutrition, food selection and budgeting, food safety, and sanitation to low-income families with children? Would you say this is:
____ (a) very important  
____ (b) quite important  
____ (c) somewhat important  
____ (d) not important  
____ (e) don’t know  
____ (f) refuse to answer

8b. How well do you believe, the needs for such food and nutrition education to low income families are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
____ (a) many programs, much attention  
____ (b) some programs, some attention  
____ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention  
____ (d) don’t know  
____ (e) refuse to answer

8c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on food and nutrition for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn?
____ (a) Michigan State University Extension  
____ (b) local or state human service agencies  
____ (c) local health departments  
____ (d) local church or synagog or temple  
____ (e) don’t know  
____ (f) other (specify)_________________________

9a. How important is the need to develop program focusing on character education (explain it more) in your family and community? Would you say this is:
____ (a) very important  
____ (b) quite important  
____ (c) somewhat important  
____ (d) not important  
____ (e) don’t know  
____ (f) refuse to answer

9b. How well do you believe, the needs for character education are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
____ (a) many programs, much attention  
____ (b) some programs, some attention  
____ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention  
____ (d) don’t know  
____ (e) refuse to answer
9c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on **character education** for someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?

- (a) Michigan State University Extension
- (b) local police or sheriff
- (c) local or state human service agencies
- (d) local school
- (e) local church or synagogue or temple
- (f) don’t know
- (g) other (specify)_________________________

10a. How important are the programs that focus on **science and technology education** for children and youth? Would you say this is:

- (a) very important
- (b) quite important
- (c) somewhat important
- (d) not important
- (e) don’t know
- (f) refuse to answer

10b. How well do you believe, the needs for **science and technology education** are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:

- (a) many programs, much attention
- (b) some programs, some attention
- (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
- (d) don’t know
- (e) refuse to answer

10c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on **science and technology education** for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?

- (a) Michigan State University Extension
- (b) local school
- (c) local church or synagogue or temple
- (d) don’t know
- (e) other (specify)_________________________

11a. How important is the need for **family financial planning** education, which could focus on areas such as buying new homes, planning for retirement, savings and investments, insurance and estate planning? Would you say this is:

- (a) very important
- (b) somewhat important
- (c) not important
- (d) don’t know
- (e) refuse to answer
11b. How well do you believe the family financial planning needs is currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   ___ (a) many programs, much attention
   ___ (b) some programs, some attention
   ___ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   ___ (d) don’t know
   ___ (e) refuse to answer

11c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on family financial planning education for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?
   ___ (a) Michigan State University Extension
   ___ (b) local bank and/or credit union
   ___ (c) local businesses
   ___ (d) don’t know
   ___ (e) other (specify)_________________________

12a. How important is the need for positive youth development in your community? Would you say this is:
   ___ (a) very important
   ___ (b) somewhat important
   ___ (c) not important
   ___ (d) don’t know
   ___ (e) refuse to answer

12b. How well do you believe issues relating to positive youth development is currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   ___ (a) many programs, much attention
   ___ (b) some programs, some attention
   ___ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   ___ (d) don’t know
   ___ (e) refuse to answer

12c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on positive youth development for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?
   ___ (a) Michigan State University Extension
   ___ (b) local police or sheriff
   ___ (c) local or state human service agencies
   ___ (d) local school
   ___ (e) local church or synagog or temple
   ___ (f) don’t know
   ___ (g) other (specify)_________________________
13a. How important is the need to provide opportunities to youth to do volunteer service within their communities? Would you say this is:
   _____ (a) very important
   _____ (b) somewhat important
   _____ (c) not important
   _____ (d) don’t know
   _____ (e) refuse to answer

13b. How well do you believe the opportunities for youth volunteer service are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   _____ (a) many programs, much attention
   _____ (b) some programs, some attention
   _____ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   _____ (d) don’t know
   _____ (e) refuse to answer

13c. If you were going to seek out a program on providing opportunities for youth volunteer service for yourself or someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?
   _____ (a) Michigan State University Extension
   _____ (b) local or state human service agencies
   _____ (c) local school
   _____ (d) local church or synagog or temple
   _____ (e) don’t know
   _____ (f) other (specify) __________________________

14a. How important is the need to educate young mothers about breast-feeding their babies? Would you say this is:
   _____ (a) very important
   _____ (b) somewhat important
   _____ (c) not important
   _____ (d) don’t know
   _____ (e) refuse to answer

14b. How well do you believe the needs for educating young mothers about breast feeding are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:
   _____ (a) many programs, much attention
   _____ (b) some programs, some attention
   _____ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
   _____ (d) don’t know
   _____ (e) refuse to answer
14c. If you were going to seek out an educational program about breast feeding for young mothers to someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn to?

___ (a) Michigan State University Extension
___ (b) local health departments
___ (c) local or state human service agencies
___ (d) local school
___ (e) local church or synagog or temple
___ (f) don’t know
___ (g) other (specify)_________________________

15a. How important is the need for programs that focus on work force preparation for youth? Would you say this is:

___ (a) very important
___ (b) somewhat important
___ (c) not important
___ (d) don’t know
___ (e) refuse to answer

15b. How well do you believe the needs relating to work force preparation for youth are currently being addressed in your community? Would you say there are:

___ (a) many programs, much attention
___ (b) some programs, some attention
___ (c) not enough programs, not enough attention
___ (d) don’t know
___ (e) refuse to answer

15c. If you were going to seek out a program that focused on work force preparation for youth for someone in your family, where would you be most likely to turn?

___ (a) Michigan State University Extension
___ (b) nearby community college
___ (c) local or state human service agencies
___ (d) local school
___ (e) local church or synagog or temple
___ (f) don’t know
___ (g) other (specify)_________________________

16. Have you ever heard of the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service, which is now known as Michigan State University Extension?

___ Yes ___ No  (Interviewer: If response is NO, skip to question # 28.)

I am now going to read a list of outreach services provided by Michigan State University Extension. For each I would like you to tell me whether you or someone in your family has used that service in the last 12 months.
Have you or some members of your family (in the last year?): (Question 17-25)

17. Attended an Extension organized educational workshops or meetings? ___ Yes ___ No
18. Acquired an Extension bulletin or fact sheet? ___ Yes ___ No
19. Received county Extension newsletters or mailers? ___ Yes ___ No
20. Borrowed or purchased an Extension-produced video tape? ___ Yes ___ No
21. Attended a 4-H club meeting? ___ Yes ___ No
22. Attended a 4-H club-sponsored events? ___ Yes ___ No
23. Heard or read about MSU Extension activities on radio, TV or in the newspaper? ___ Yes ___ No
24. Contacted the local MSU Extension office with a question? ___ Yes ___ No
25. Visited the MSU campus for an Extension event such as AG Expo, Exploration Days, the Michigan Families Conference, or Animal Science Week? ___ Yes ___ No
26. Had an MSU Extension educator visit your home or business? (This could include a 4-H agent, home economist, an agricultural agent, parenting instructors, nutrition instructors, Breast-feeding instructors) ___ Yes ___ No

27. Consider all types of contacts you or a member of your family have had with Michigan State University Extension during the past 12 months. Overall, how would you rate the quality of educational programs offered by the Michigan State University Extension?

Would you say they were?

___ (a) excellent ___ (b) very good ___ (c) good ___ (d) fair ___ (e) poor

28. Do you own a computer? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, do you access information via Internet or Worldwide Web? ___ Yes ___ No
Now I have a few background questions. These are just for statistical purposes.

29. Record gender of the respondent (ask only if in doubt): _____ Male _____ Female

30. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
   ___ Some high school or less
   ___ High school diploma or equivalent
   ___ Some college
   ___ Technical or trade school
   ___ 2-year college degree
   ___ 4-year college degree
   ___ Some graduate work
   ___ Graduate degree

31. What would be your racial background? Would you say (a) African American or Black, (b) Asian or Pacific Islander, (c) Native American, (d) White or Caucasian?

32. Do you consider yourself?
   ___ (a) employed full time
   ___ (b) employed part-time
   ___ (c) unemployed
   ___ (d) retired

33. Do you consider your spouse?
   ___ (a) employed full time
   ___ (b) employed part-time
   ___ (c) unemployed
   ___ (d) retired

34. Do you have school age children currently living with you? _____ Yes _____ No
   
   If Yes, how many school age children live with you? __________

On behalf of Michigan State University Extension, I would like to thank you very much for your time and cooperation for this important study.
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The State of the State Survey will provide us baseline information for CYF programming. The baseline survey will address the following questions:

1. What are the important problems facing the children, youth and families in Michigan communities?

2. (a) How important are current issue-based programs within CYF to Michigan households?

   (b) How well do citizens believe these issues are currently being addressed in their communities? Do respondents perceive the need for additional programming around these issues?

   (c) How likely are citizens to seek information or services around these issues from MSU Extension? Is MSU Extension perceived as a key source of information or service on these issues?

3. What kinds of MSUE educational programs have respondents accessed in the last 12 months? How would they rate the quality of these educational programs?

CYF team will finalize the telephone interview questions. Institute of Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) will conduct a telephone survey of 1000 households selected randomly. The telephone survey is planned for January, 1997.