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.

ROUTINE USES: Your information will be kept private and cannot be used against you in any law enforcement action. Your information may be combined with information from other individuals but you will not be personally identifiable. However, there may be circumstances where disclosure of your personal information may be requested; in these cases, processes are in place to further protect your information for such requests. These requests may include: (a) by a congressional office if you ask that office to help obtain a copy of your records; (b) to coordinate and respond to a data security breach; (c) for research or evaluation purposes; (d) for administrative or legal actions; or (e) by contractors supporting the purpose and uses described here, but only on a must know basis in order to perform their duties. Please see the sources below for more information about these routine uses.

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

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 613 - Research, evaluations, and national studies; 42 U.S.C. 628b - National random sample study of child welfare; 42 U.S.C. 1310 - Cooperative research or demonstration projects; 42 U.S.C. 9836 - Designation of Head Start agencies; 42 U.S.C. Subchapter II-B - Child Care and Development Block Grant; and Pub L. No. 110-161, Division G, Title II, Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (121 STAT. 2179).

A. PARENTING AND CO-PARENTING

We would like to get a sense of who you are as a parent. We realize that children are different and may require different parenting.
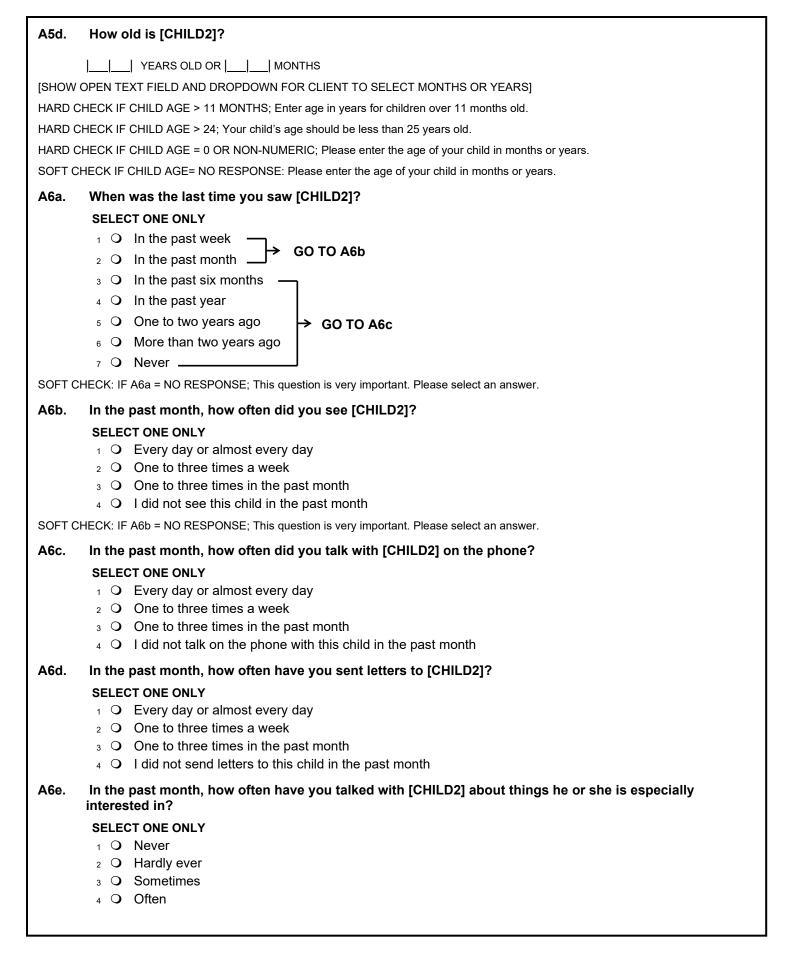
Questions in this section are about your child—or if you have more than one child, your youngest and oldest children—who is 24 years old or younger.

A1a. Do you have any children who are 24 years old or younger? Please include biological children, adopted children, stepchildren, foster children, and any child or youth up to age 24 whom you are actively raising and who is the child of a partner or relative but who is not your biological or legally adopted child.

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ○ Yes, I have one child who is 24 years old or younger ⎤
2 ○ Yes, I have more than one child who is 24 years old or younger ⎦ → **GO TO A1b**
3 ○ No, I have no children ⎤
4 ○ No, all my children are 25 years old or older ⎦ → **GO TO B1**

[SOFT CHECK: IF A1a = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.

IF A1a = NO RESPONSE, GO TO B1]

A1b. What is your youngest child's first name or initials?

_____

A1c. Is this your biological or legally adopted child?

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ○ Yes, this is my biological child ⎤
2 ○ Yes, this is my legally adopted child ⎦ → **GO TO A1e**
0 ○ No → **GO TO A1d**

[SOFT CHECK: IF A1c = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.]

[ASK IF BIOLOGICAL OR LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILD = NO OR A1c = NO RESPONSE]

A1d. What is your relationship to [CHILD1]?

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ○ Father figure to spouse's or partner's biological child
2 ○ Foster father
3 ○ Relative
4 ○ Other *(specify)* _____

A1e. How old is [CHILD1]?

|___|___| YEARS OLD OR |___|___| MONTHS

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

HARD CHECK IF CHILD AGE > 11 MONTHS; Enter age in years for children over 11 months old.

HARD CHECK IF CHILD AGE > 24; Your child's age should be less than 25 years old.

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

SOFT CHECK IF CHILD AGE = NO RESPONSE; Please enter the age of your child in months or years.

A2a. **When was the last time you saw [CHILD1]?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ○ In the past week ⎤
2 ○ In the past month ⎦→ **GO TO A2b**

3 ○ In the past 6 months ⎤
4 ○ In the past year ⎥
5 ○ 1 to 2 years ago   ⎥→ **GO TO A2c**
6 ○ More than 2 years ago ⎥
7 ○ Never ⎦

[SOFT CHECK: IF A2a = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.]

A2b. **In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD1]?**

SELECT 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

A2c. **In the past month, how often did you talk to [CHILD1] on the phone?**

SELECT 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 on the phone with this child in the past month

A2d. **In the past month, how often have you sent letters to [CHILD1]?**

SELECT 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 send letters to this child in the past month

A3. **In the past month, how often have you talked with [CHILD1] about things he or she is especially interested in?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ○ Never
2 ○ Hardly ever
3 ○ Sometimes
4 ○ Often

A4. **Please reflect on the degree to which each of the following statements currently applies to your relationship with your child.**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	RARELY	NEVER
a. How often do you feel disappointed with [CHILD1]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
b. How often do you wish that [CHILD1] was different?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
c. How often do you feel proud of [CHILD1]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
d. How often do you feel angry or irritated with [CHILD1]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
e. How often do you accept [CHILD1] the way he or she is? ...	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
f. How often do you feel you and your child understand each other?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
g. How often do you and your child argue and fight?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○

[ASK IF CHILDREN = MORE THAN ONE CHILD 24 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER ELSE GO TO A8]

Now think about your oldest child.

A5a. **What is this child's first name or initials?**

_____

A5b. **Is this your biological or legally adopted child?**

SELECT ONE ONLY
1 ○ Yes, this is my biological child
2 ○ Yes, this is my legally adopted child → **GO TO A5d**
0 ○ No → **GO TO A5c**

[SOFT CHECK: IF A5b = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.]

[ASK IF CHILDREN = I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD AND BIOLOGICAL OR LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILD = NO OR A5b = NO RESPONSE]

A5c. **What is your relationship to [CHILD2]?**

SELECT ONE ONLY
1 ○ Father figure to spouse's or partner's biological child
2 ○ Foster father
3 ○ Relative
4 ○ Other *(specify)* _____

A5d. **How old is [CHILD2]?**

|___|___| YEARS OLD OR |___|___| MONTHS

[SHOW OPEN TEXT FIELD AND DROPDOWN FOR CLIENT TO SELECT MONTHS OR YEARS]

HARD CHECK IF CHILD AGE > 11 MONTHS; Enter age in years for children over 11 months old.

HARD CHECK IF CHILD AGE > 24; Your child's age should be less than 25 years old.

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SOFT CHECK IF CHILD AGE= NO RESPONSE: Please enter the age of your child in months or years.

A6a. **When was the last time you saw [CHILD2]?**

　　SELECT ONE ONLY
1　○　In the past week ⎤
2　○　In the past month ⎦ → **GO TO A6b**
3　○　In the past six months ⎤
4　○　In the past year　｜
5　○　One to two years ago　→ **GO TO A6c**
6　○　More than two years ago｜
7　○　Never ⎦

SOFT CHECK: IF A6a = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.

A6b. **In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD2]?**

　　SELECT 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

SOFT CHECK: IF A6b = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.

A6c. **In the past month, how often did you talk with [CHILD2] on the phone?**

　　SELECT 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 on the phone with this child in the past month

A6d. **In the past month, how often have you sent letters to [CHILD2]?**

　　SELECT 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 send letters to this child in the past month

A6e. **In the past month, how often have you talked with [CHILD2] about things he or she is especially interested in?**

　　SELECT ONE ONLY
1　○　Never
2　○　Hardly ever
3　○　Sometimes
4　○　Often

A7. **Please reflect on the degree to which each of the following statements currently applies to your relationship with your child.**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	RARELY	NEVER
a. How often do you feel disappointed with [CHILD2]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
b. How often do you wish that [CHILD2] was different?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
c. How often do you feel proud of [CHILD2]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
d. How often do you feel angry or irritated with [CHILD2]?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
e. How often do you accept [CHILD2] the way he or she is? ...	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
f. How often do you feel you and your child understand each other?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
g. How often do you and your child argue and fight?	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○

[ASK IF CHILDREN = ONE CHILD OR MORE THAN ONE CHILD AGE 24 OR YOUNGER]

A8. **Thinking about [CHILD1], how much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
a. The mother of [CHILD1] contradicts the decisions I made about [CHILD1].	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
b. The mother of [CHILD1] makes negative comments, jokes, or sarcastic comments about the way I parent.	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
c. The mother of [CHILD1] undermines me as a father............	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
d. The mother of [CHILD1] and I discuss the best way to meet [CHILD1]'s needs.	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
e. The mother of [CHILD1] and I share information about [CHILD1] with each other.	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
f. The mother of [CHILD1] and I make joint decisions about [CHILD1].	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
g. The mother of [CHILD1] and I try to understand where each other is coming from.	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
h. The mother of [CHILD1] and I respect each other's decisions made about [CHILD1].	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○

A9. **Thinking about [CHILD2], how much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
a. The mother of [CHILD2] contradicts the decisions I made about [CHILD2].	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
b. The mother of [CHILD2] makes negative comments, jokes, or sarcastic comments about the way I parent.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
c. The mother of [CHILD2] undermines me as a father............	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
d. The mother of [CHILD2] and I discuss the best way to meet [CHILD2]'s needs..	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
e. The mother of [CHILD2] and I share information about [CHILD2] with each other.......................................	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
f. The mother of [CHILD2] and I make joint decisions about [CHILD2].	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
g. The mother of [CHILD2] and I try to understand where each other is coming from.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
h. The mother of [CHILD2] and I respect each other's decisions made about [CHILD2].	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯

A10. **Do [CHILD1] and [CHILD2] have the same mother?**

SELECT ONE ONLY
1 ◯ Yes, the same mother
0 ◯ No, they have different mothers

B. ECONOMIC STABILITY

[ASK ALL]

B1. **How much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	N/A
a. I would like to learn new job skills.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
b. I have good job skills.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	

[ASK ALL]

B2a. **Do you have a job now?**

   SELECT ONE ONLY

   1 ◯ Yes → **GO TO B2b**

   0 ◯ No → **GO TO B3**

[ASK IF HAVE JOB = YES]

B2b. **Is it a work release job?**

   SELECT ONE ONLY

   1 ◯ Yes

   0 ◯ No

[ASK IF HAVE JOB = YES]

B2c. **When did you first start working in the job you have now? If you have more than one job, think about the job for which you worked the most hours during the past 30 days.**

   |___|___| / |___|___|___|___|
     MM   YYYY

[HARD CHECK: IF Month > 12 OR Month < 1; Month must be a number from 1 to 12.

IF Year > Current Year OR Year < 1900; Year must be the current year or earlier.

HARD CHECK: IF Month = non-numeric; Month must be a number from 1 to 12.

IF Year = non-numeric; Year must be the current year or earlier.]

[ASK ALL]

B3. **Have you participated in education or job training programs in the past month?**

   SELECT ONE ONLY

   1 ◯ Yes

   0 ◯ No

B4. **Do you have a legal arrangement or child support order that requires you to provide financial support for any of your children?**

    SELECT ONE ONLY

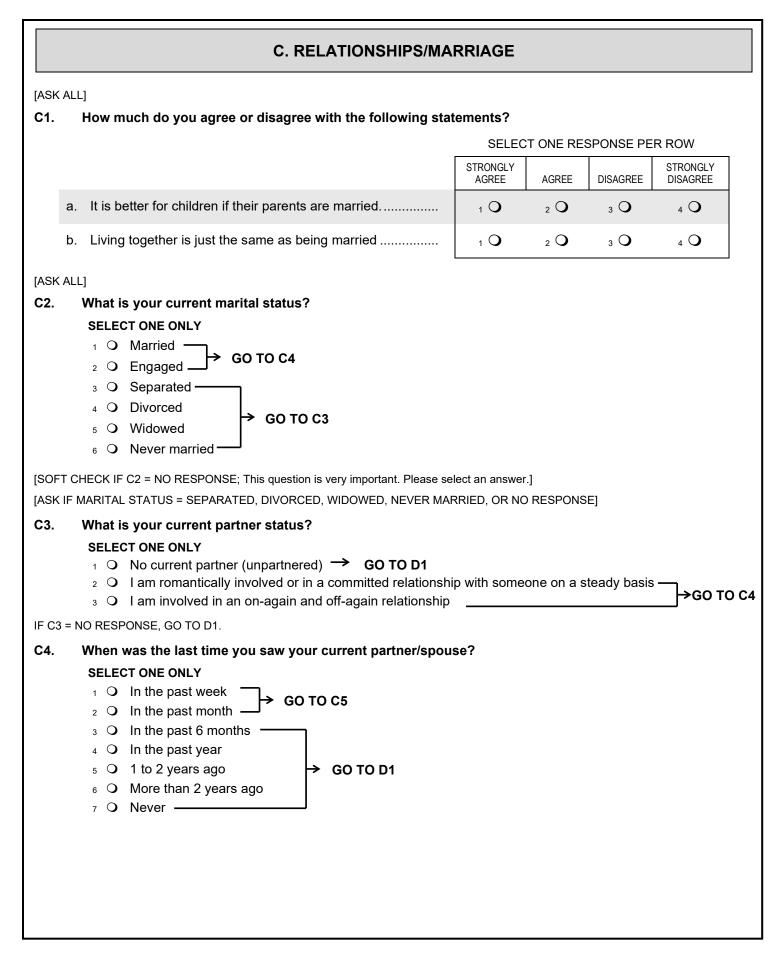   1 ◯ Yes

     0 ◯ No

     d ◯ I don't know

B5. **Is there someone you could turn to, such as a friend or family member, if you suddenly needed to borrow money?**

    SELECT ONE ONLY

     1 ◯ Yes

     0 ◯ No

     d ◯ I don't know

C. RELATIONSHIPS/MARRIAGE

[ASK ALL]

C1. **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
a. It is better for children if their parents are married...............	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
b. Living together is just the same as being married	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯

[ASK ALL]

C2. **What is your current marital status?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ◯ Married ⎤
2 ◯ Engaged ⎦ → **GO TO C4**

3 ◯ Separated ⎤
4 ◯ Divorced ⎟
5 ◯ Widowed ⎟ → **GO TO C3**
6 ◯ Never married ⎦

[SOFT CHECK IF C2 = NO RESPONSE; This question is very important. Please select an answer.]

[ASK IF MARITAL STATUS = SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, NEVER MARRIED, OR NO RESPONSE]

C3. **What is your current partner status?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ◯ No current partner (unpartnered) → **GO TO D1**
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 ⎦ → **GO TO C4**

IF C3 = NO RESPONSE, GO TO D1.

C4. **When was the last time you saw your current partner/spouse?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ◯ In the past week ⎤
2 ◯ In the past month ⎦ → **GO TO C5**

3 ◯ In the past 6 months ⎤
4 ◯ In the past year ⎟
5 ◯ 1 to 2 years ago ⎟ → **GO TO D1**
6 ◯ More than 2 years ago ⎟
7 ◯ Never ⎦

C5. **In the past month, how often have you talked on the phone with your partner/spouse?**

SELECT ONE ONLY

1 ◯ Every day or almost every day

2 ◯ One to three times a week

3 ◯ One to three times a month

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

D. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[ASK ALL]

D1. **This question is about feelings you may have experienced recently. During the past 30 days, how often have you felt …**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	NONE OF THE TIME	A LITTLE OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	ALL OF THE TIME
a. Nervous?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
b. Hopeless?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
c. Restless or fidgety?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
d. So depressed that nothing could cheer you up?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
e. That everything was an effort?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯
f. Worthless?	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯	5 ◯

[ASK ALL]

D2. **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

SELECT ONE RESPONSE PER ROW

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
a. I have little control over the things that happen to me.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
b. I have hope when I think about my future.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
c. I wouldn't know where to go for help if I had money troubles.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
d. I have others who will listen when I need to talk about my problems or when I am lonely.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
e. I have people I can count on if I am feeling down.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯
f. If there is a crisis, I have others I can talk to.	1 ◯	2 ◯	3 ◯	4 ◯

Thank you for completing this survey!