

**REVISED CORE**  
***Making Connections* Questionnaire**



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**Segment 1:**

**Informed Consent**

This interview takes about 45 minutes, but the time may be shorter depending on how many questions you answer. I will be asking about your neighborhood; such as its services and amenities; community organizations; volunteerism; and your household.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary; you are free to stop the interview at any time. If there is a question you would rather not answer, I will skip it. Some of these questions might not apply to you, but I need to ask each question. All information you give is strictly confidential, and your name is never associated with the results. Findings of the research will be reported only in summary form, so that no individuals can ever be identified. I think you will find this an interesting and worthwhile experience.

May we begin the interview now?

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## Segment 2:

### Neighborhood Connections

Now, I want to ask you some questions about where you live.

2.1 How long have you lived in [NAME OF CITY]?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS

DON'T KNOW .....DK

REFUSED .....REF

Many of the questions will be about your neighborhood. By neighborhood, I mean the area around where you live and around your house. It may include places you shop, religious or public institutions, or a local business district. It is the general area around your house where you might perform routine tasks, such as shopping, going to the park, or visiting with neighbors. Please take a look at this map of the area. Study it for a moment and use this pen to draw the boundaries of what you consider to be your neighborhood.

**FI INFO:**

SHOW RESPONDENT MAP. ASK RESPONDENT TO DRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

2.2 What is the name of your neighborhood?

NEIGHBORHOOD DOES NOT HAVE A NAME.....1

DON'T KNOW .....DK

REFUSED .....REF

2.3 How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS

DON'T KNOW .....DK

REFUSED .....REF

2.4 Do you think that this neighborhood is a good place to raise children?

Yes .....1

No .....2

DON'T KNOW .....DK

REFUSED .....REF

2.5 What's the best thing about this neighborhood as a place to live?

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DON'T KNOW .....DK

REFUSED .....REF

**2.6** What's the worst thing about this neighborhood as a place to live?

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DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD A**

**2.7** I'm going to read some statements about your neighborhood, the people in it, and things that happen in the neighborhood. For each statement, tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

**2.7a** I live in a close-knit neighborhood.  
 Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.7b** People in my neighborhood are willing to help their neighbors.  
 Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.7c** People in my neighborhood generally don't get along with each other.  
 Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.7d** People in my neighborhood do not share the same values.  
 Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.7e** People in my neighborhood can be trusted.

Strongly agree	5
Agree	4
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
DON'T KNOW	DK
REFUSED	REF

**2.8** People from outside this neighborhood often come here to shop or to do business.

Strongly agree	5
Agree	4
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1
DON'T KNOW	DK
REFUSED	REF

**SHOWCARD B**

**2.9** For each of the following, please tell me if it is very likely, likely, neither likely nor unlikely, unlikely, or very unlikely that people in your neighborhood would act in the following manner:

**2.9a** If a child was showing disrespect to an adult, or acting out of line, how likely is it that people in your neighborhood would scold that child?

Very likely	5
Likely	4
Neither likely nor unlikely	3
Unlikely	2
Very unlikely	1
DON'T KNOW	DK
REFUSED	REF

**2.9b** If a group of neighborhood children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it?

Very likely	5
Likely	4
Neither likely nor unlikely	3
Unlikely	2
Very unlikely	1
DON'T KNOW	DK
REFUSED	REF

**2.9c** If some children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it?

Very likely .....5  
 Likely .....4  
 Neither likely nor unlikely .....3  
 Unlikely.....2  
 Very unlikely .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.9d** If a fight broke out in front of their house, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it?

Very likely .....5  
 Likely .....4  
 Neither likely nor unlikely .....3  
 Unlikely.....2  
 Very unlikely .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.9e** If the fire station closest to their house was threatened by budget cuts, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it?

Very likely .....5  
 Likely .....4  
 Neither likely nor unlikely .....3  
 Unlikely.....2  
 Very unlikely .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**2.10** How does the future look for this neighborhood? Is this neighborhood likely to:

Get better .....3  
 Stay the same .....2  
 Get worse .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF 2.3 IS LESS THAN 1 YEAR, GO TO SEGMENT 3**

**2.11** A year ago, did you think that your neighborhood was going to get better, stay the same, or get worse?

Get better .....3  
 Stay the same .....2  
 Get worse .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF



## Segment 3:

### Neighborhood Actions

The next set of questions is about problems neighborhood residents sometimes experience and the steps that they may take to correct a problem.

Sometimes people in a neighborhood do things to take care of a local problem, or to take advantage of an opportunity, or to make the neighborhood a better place to live. Please tell me (if you have/if you or any member of your household has) been involved in the following activities in the last 12 months.

**3.1** Have you (or any member of your household) spoken with a local political official like [INSERT SITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES] about a neighborhood problem or improvement?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.2** Have you (or any member of your household) talked to a local religious leader or minister to help with a neighborhood problem or neighborhood improvement?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.3** Have you (or any member of your household) gotten together with neighbors to do something about a neighborhood problem or to organize neighborhood improvement?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF THERE IS NOT AT LEAST ONE "1" (YES) RESPONSE  
TO 3.1, 3.2, OR 3.3, GO TO 3.5**

**3.4** Was there any progress on a problem or improvement by doing any of these things?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD C**

**3.5** In today's neighborhoods, many people have concerns about safety and security. These next statements have to do with your opinions about these issues. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 indicates that you "disagree very strongly" and 7 indicates that you "agree very strongly". If you do not have feelings one way or the other about the issue then use the number 4.

**3.5a** My neighborhood is a safe place for children.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.5b** I feel safe at home at night.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.5c** I feel safe being out in my neighborhood alone during the day.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.5d** If someone stopped me at night to ask directions, I would probably stop to speak with them.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.5e** On Halloween, most of the children go trick-or-treating in this neighborhood.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.5f** Most criminal activity going on here is committed by people living outside of this neighborhood.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD D**

**3.6** Next, I'm going to read a list of conditions that neighborhoods may have. Please tell me whether the condition is "very rare" or "very common" in your neighborhood by using a scale of 0 to 6 where 0 indicates that the condition does not occur in your neighborhood, 1 indicates that the condition is "very rare" and 6 indicates that the condition is "very common". If the problem is neither common nor rare then use the number 3.

**3.6a** Graffiti on buildings and walls.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6b** Litter or trash on the sidewalks and streets.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6c** Abandoned cars.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6d** Vacant, abandoned or boarded up buildings.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6e** Drug dealers, drug users, or drunks hanging around.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6f** Traffic safety problems.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6g** Gangs/gang activity.

0      1      2      3      4      5      6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**3.6h** Bad odors or smells from a factory, trash, etc.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.6i** Prostitution.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**3.6j** Racial incidents.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

## Segment 4:

### Services and Amenities

#### SHOWCARD E

**4.1** Now I am going to ask you about how satisfied you are with several specific conditions and services in your neighborhood. Please use a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 indicates that you are “very dissatisfied” with the service and 7 indicates that you are “very satisfied” with the service. If you do not have feelings one way or the other about the service then use the number 4. If you think that the service does not apply to your neighborhood then just tell me that it doesn’t apply.

**4.1a** On a scale of 1 to 7, how satisfied are you with street lighting?

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**4.1b** What about street cleaning?

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**4.1c** How about trash collection?

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**4.1d** Snow removal?

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**4.1e** Street repair?

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**4.1f** Fire department services?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**4.1g** Ambulance Services (EMS)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DOES NOT APPLY .....8  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD F**

**4.2** Thinking about the police serving your neighborhood, how strongly do you agree with the following statements. The response categories are: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, and strongly disagree.

**Generally, the police serving my neighborhood is:**

**4.2a** Fair when dealing with residents.

Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**4.2b** Polite when dealing with residents.

Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

- 4.2c**     Helpful when dealing with residents.
- Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 4.2d**     Honest when dealing with residents.
- Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 4.2e**     Quick to respond when called.
- Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 4.2f**     Able to speak my language.
- Strongly agree .....5  
 Agree .....4  
 Neither agree nor disagree .....3  
 Disagree .....2  
 Strongly disagree .....1  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF





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## Segment 5:

### Organizations and Volunteerism

- 5.1** Now I'd like to ask you some questions about organizations in and around your community and your involvement with those organizations.

Over the past 12 months, have you volunteered or helped out with activities in your community?

Yes .....1  
No .....2 → GO TO 5.2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → GO TO 5.2  
REFUSED .....REF → GO TO 5.2

**IF YES:**

- 5.1a** Was the volunteer work in your neighborhood?

Yes .....1  
No .....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

- 5.1b** Did you do volunteer work with youth?

Yes .....1  
No .....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

- 5.1c** How often do you volunteer?

Daily .....1  
Weekly.....2  
Monthly.....3  
Annually .....4  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

- 5.2** What is your religious preference?

DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**5.3** Do you attend religious services inside your neighborhood or outside your neighborhood?

- INSIDE MY NEIGHBORHOOD.....1
- OUTSIDE MY NEIGHBORHOOD.....2
- DON'T ATTEND.....3
- DON'T KNOW.....DK
- REFUSED.....REF

**5.4** To your knowledge has there been any sort of neighborhood get-together during the past year—say a festival, celebration, picnic—something like that?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2 → **GO TO 5.5**
- DON'T KNOW.....DK → **GO TO 5.5**
- REFUSED.....REF → **GO TO 5.5**

**5.4a** Did you attend?

- Yes.....1 → **GO TO 5.5**
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW.....DK
- REFUSED.....REF

**5.4b** Why not?

- DON'T KNOW.....DK
- REFUSED.....REF

**5.5** In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization or religious organization?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2 → **GO TO SEGMENT 6**
- DON'T KNOW.....DK → **GO TO SEGMENT 6**
- REFUSED.....REF → **GO TO SEGMENT 6**

**5.5a** Is this organization inside your neighborhood or outside your neighborhood?

- Inside my neighborhood.....1
- Outside my neighborhood.....2
- DON'T KNOW.....DK
- REFUSED.....REF

## Segment 6:

### Family Hardship

Sometimes families have trouble paying a bill or getting the goods and services they need because they do not have enough money. The next several questions ask about these kinds of experiences you may have had in the last 12 months.

**6.1** During the past 12 months, did you (or any member of your household) not fill or postpone filling a prescription for drugs when you (or another member of your household) needed them?

Yes .....1  
No.....2 → **GO TO 6.2**  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 6.2**  
REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 6.2**

**6.1a** Was lack of insurance or money a reason why you (or any member of your household) did not get the drugs you needed?

YES, LACK OF INSURANCE OR MONEY.....1  
NO, SOME OTHER REASON .....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**6.2** During the last 12 months, was there a time when (you/you and your family) were not able to pay your mortgage, rent or utility bills?

Yes .....1  
No.....2 → **GO TO 6.3e**  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 6.3e**  
REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 6.3e**

**6.3** In the last twelve months were you evicted due to non-payment of bills?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**6.3a** In the last twelve months did you move voluntarily due to non-payment of bills?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**6.3b** Have your utilities been cut off in the last 12 months due to non-payment of bills?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**6.3c** Has your phone been cut off in the last 12 months due to non-payment of bills?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2 → **GO TO 6.3e**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 6.3e**
- REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 6.3e**

**6.3d** For how long was it cut off? **SELECT ONLY ONE.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS
- \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS
- \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKS
- \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**6.3e** In the last twelve months were any of your belongings repossessed due to non-payment of bills?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**6.4a** In the last 12 months, that is, since [NAME OF CURRENT MONTH] of last year, was your family ever without enough money to buy food?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2 → **GO TO SEGMENT 7**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO SEGMENT 7**
- REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO SEGMENT 7**

**6.4b** Was that rarely true, sometimes true or often true?

- RARELY TRUE .....1
- SOMETIMES TRUE .....2
- OFTEN TRUE .....3
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

## Segment 7:

### Focus Child

**SKIP: IF NO FOCUS CHILD, GO TO SEGMENT 8**

I selected one of the children in your household to ask about. The information you share with us about this child, when combined with the same information from other households, will help us understand the experiences of children in your neighborhood.

**SKIP: IF CHILD IS 2 YEARS OLD OR OLDER CONTINUE;  
IF CHILD IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 GO TO 7.6**

Now I want to ask you some questions about [FOCUS CHILD]'s education, activities and health.

First I'd like to ask about [FOCUS CHILD]'s education.

**7.1** What grade in school is [FOCUS CHILD] attending?

**FI INFO:**  
IF R REPORTS THAT THE CHILD IS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, CODE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GRADE.

NOT ATTENDING .....	0	→ GO TO 7.5
NURSERY/PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN/ HEAD START TRANSITIONAL		
KINDERGARTEN (BEFORE K) .....	1	
KINDERGARTEN .....	2	
PREFIRST GRADE .....	3	
FIRST - EIGHTH GRADE .....	4	
NINTH GRADE/FRESHMAN .....	5	
TENTH GRADE/SOPHOMORE .....	6	
ELEVENTH GRADE/JUNIOR .....	7	
TWELFTH GRADE/SENIOR .....	8	
ABOVE TWELFTH GRADE .....	9	
UNGRADED .....	10	
SPECIAL EDUCATION .....	11	
DON'T KNOW .....	DK	
REFUSAL .....	REF	

**7.2** What is the name of the school [FOCUS CHILD] attends?

\_\_\_\_\_  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**7.3** How satisfied are you with the job your school is doing to educate your child? Are you very satisfied, satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

- VERY SATISFIED .....5
- SATISFIED .....4
- NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED .....3
- DISSATISFIED .....2
- VERY DISSATISFIED .....1
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**7.4** Approximately how many days of school has (he/she) missed in the past four weeks? (Do not include any school vacation days or holidays.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (DAYS)
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
  - REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF FOCUS CHILD IS 3 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, CONTINUE;  
IF FOCUS CHILD IS LESS THAN 3 YEARS OLD GO TO 7.6**

**7.5** Has [FOCUS CHILD] participated in organized activities outside of school hours or on weekends during the past year, including sports teams; music, dance, or language classes; youth groups, clubs, etc.?

- Yes .....1
- No .....2 → **GO TO 7.5b**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 7.5b**
- REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 7.5b**

**7.5a** How often does [FOCUS CHILD] participate in these kinds of activities?

- Daily .....1
- 2-3 times per week .....2
- Weekly .....3
- Monthly .....4
- A few times a year .....5
- SEASONAL .....6
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: GO TO 7.6**



**7.5b** There are many reasons why children don't or can't participate in activities.

What were the reasons [FOCUS CHILD] did not participate in any organized activities during the past year?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- Child not interested .....1
- None available in the area .....2
- Can't get to them because of  
transportation problems .....3
- Couldn't afford the fees .....4
- Waiting list, program/service did  
not have room .....5
- Disability .....6
- Child feels unwelcome .....7
- Safety concerns .....8
- Language .....9
- My child is not old enough .....10
- OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_ .....11
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**7.6**

**SKIP:** IF FOCUS CHILD IS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE CONTINUE; IF FOCUS CHILD IS 12 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER GO TO 7.7

Do you (or any family member) read stories to [FOCUS CHILD]?

- Yes .....1
- No .....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**7.7**

Do you know most, some, or none of your child's friends?

- MOST .....1
- SOME .....2
- NONE .....3
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**7.8**

The next series of questions is about [FOCUS CHILD]'s health, health insurance, and usual place of health care. Has a health professional ever told you that [FOCUS CHILD] has a physical, learning, mental, or chronic health condition that limits (his/her) participation in the usual kinds of activities done by most children (his/her) age or limits (his/her) ability to do regular school work?

- Yes .....1
- No .....2 → **GO TO 7.9**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 7.9**
- REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 7.9**

**7.8a** What is it?

_____ (CONDITION)	
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**7.9** In general, would you say [FOCUS CHILD]'s health is ...

Excellent.....	5
Very good.....	4
Good.....	3
Fair .....	2
Poor.....	1
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**7.10** Does [FOCUS CHILD] have any health insurance plan, including Medicaid, or is (s/he) uninsured right now? By health insurance, I mean any plan, including Medicaid, that would pay for or has paid for some or all of [FOCUS CHILD]'s health and medical care expenses.

Yes, insured .....	1
No, not insured .....	2
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

<b>SHOWCARD K</b>
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**7.11** Please look at Showcard K. Think about the **main** place where [FOCUS CHILD] went or would have gone for care if (s/he) was sick or needed advice about (his/her) health. Is this place a . . .

<b>Hospital</b> emergency room .....	01
A <b>clinic</b> at a <b>hospital</b> .....	02
A particular <b>doctor's office</b> outside a <b>hospital</b> .....	03
A particular <b>doctor's office</b> inside a <b>hospital</b> .....	04
An HMO-run <b>clinic</b> .....	05
A community health center or neighborhood <b>clinic</b> .....	06
A school <b>clinic</b> .....	07
The health department / health department <b>clinic</b> .....	08
Urgent care center or walk-in center <b>other than a</b> hospital emergency room.....	09
Planned Parenthood or family planning <b>clinic</b> .....	10
Another type of place _____ .....	11
Do not go anywhere most often .....	12
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

## Segment 8:

### Income and Assets

**8.1** Now, I'd like to ask a few questions about the members of your household.

**FI INFO:**

LIST NAMES FROM ROSTERS ON THE CORRESPONDING LINES BELOW.  
IF NO FOCUS CHILD GO TO 8.3.

LIST NAMES FROM ADULT ROSTER ON LINES 1-8 BELOW.	8.2 What is [PERSON]'s relationship to [FOCUS CHILD]? SEE CODES BELOW.	8.3 CODE SEX, ASK IF NOT OBVIOUS: (Are you/is [NAME]) male or female? MALE = 1 AND FEMALE = 2.	8.4 Which of these categories describes (you/Name)? You may choose more than one category. READ LIST BELOW.
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LIST NAMES FROM CHILD ROSTER ON LINES 1 – 8 BELOW.	8.2 What is [PERSON]'s relationship to [FOCUS CHILD]? SEE CODES BELOW.	8.3 CODE SEX, ASK IF NOT OBVIOUS: Is [NAME] Male or female? MALE = 1 AND FEMALE = 2	8.5 (IF 14 OR OLDER, ASK:) Is this person employed or not employed? EMPLOYED = 1 NOT EMPLOYED = 2
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<b>CODES FOR 8.2.</b> 1 = Parent (includes step-parent) 2 = Sibling 3 = Other relative 4 = Not related 5 = Focus Child	<b>CODES FOR 8.4.</b> 1 = Employed 2 = In Job Training 3 = Temporarily laid off 4 = Unemployed 5 = Retired 6 = Permanently Disabled 7 = Homemaker 8 = Student 9 = OTHER (SPECIFY)		

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about telephone and computer use in your home.

**8.6** Is there a telephone in your home that works?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.7** Do you (or any member of your household) use a computer at home?

Yes .....1  
No.....2 → GO TO 8.8  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → GO TO 8.8  
REFUSED .....REF → GO TO 8.8

**8.7a** Do you (or any member of your household) connect to the Internet at home?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.8** Do you (or any member of your household) use a computer at any other location, such as work, a family member's or friend's house, the public library, or school?

Yes .....1  
No.....2 → GO TO IVQ1  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → GO TO IVQ1  
REFUSED .....REF → GO TO IVQ1

**8.8a** Do you (or any member of your household) connect to the Internet at this location?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**IV Q1**

**INTERVIEWER Q: CHECK ROSTER ON PAGE 37, IS THE RESPONDENT EMPLOYED?**

Yes .....1  
No.....2 → GO TO 8.19  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → GO TO 8.19  
REFUSED .....REF → GO TO 8.19

The next series of questions is about you. First I will ask you questions about your employment.

**8.9** How many jobs do you hold currently?

|\_|\_| (JOBS)  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.10** In the past 12 months, about how many hours per week have you worked in the average week?  
Count everything, including extra jobs or paid work you do at home.

|\_|\_|\_|\_| (HRS PER WEEK)  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**8.11** About how long does it usually take you to get to work?

\_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**8.12** How do you usually get to work?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY  
 Walk .....1  
 Bike .....2  
 Bus, Train, Subway .....3  
 Alone in car .....4  
 Carpool.....5  
 OTHER.....6  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**8.13** How long have you had your main present job?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF MORE THAN SIX MONTHS THEN GO TO 8.15**

**8.14** Is this job considered permanent or temporary?

PERMANENT .....1  
 TEMPORARY.....2  
 SEASONAL.....3  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**8.15** During the past 12 months have you received a raise in your rate of pay?

Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**FI INFO:**  
 IF 8.9 IS GREATER THAN 1, PROBE FOR MAIN JOB

**8.16** Would you say your chances for career advancement in your present job are excellent, good, fair, or poor?

- EXCELLENT .....4
- GOOD .....3
- FAIR .....2
- POOR.....1
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD L**

**8.17** Please look at Showcard L. Which of the following benefits do you receive or get from your job?

- CODE ALL THAT APPLY
- HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOURSELF .....01
  - HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY .....02
  - DENTAL INSURANCE FOR YOURSELF .....03
  - DENTAL INSURANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY .....04
  - LIFE INSURANCE .....05
  - LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE .....06
  - RETIREMENT PROGRAM .....07
  - PAID SICK DAYS .....08
  - UNPAID SICK DAYS OR PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS .....09
  - PAID VACATION .....10
  - NONE OF THE ABOVE .....11
  - DON'T KNOW .....DK
  - REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD M**

**8.18** How did you first learn about your current main job?

- FAMILY MEMBER .....01
- FRIEND/NEIGHBOR .....02
- PREVIOUS EMPLOYER/PREVIOUS COWORKER .....03
- WELFARE OFFICE .....04
- JOB SEARCH .....05
- JOB READINESS, OR OTHER TRAINING PROGRAM .....06
- STATE OR COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE .....07
- PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY INCLUDING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT .....08
- SCHOOL PLACEMENT OFFICER .....09
- WORK FIRST, WORK EXPERIENCE, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE JOB .....10
- NEWSPAPER ADS .....11
- HELP WANTED SIGN .....12
- CALLED/WENT IN AND ASKED ABOUT JOB OPENINGS .....13
- OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_ ...14
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

8.19 How many weeks during the last 12 months were you without work because of unemployment?

\_\_\_\_\_ (WEEKS)  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF R IS EMPLOYED (IF IVQ1 = 1) SKIP TO 8.21**

8.20 When did you last work, even for a few days?

1997-2002 .....1  
1996 or earlier .....2  
Never worked .....3  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

8.21 In the last 12 months, have you completed any job training classes or education programs (GED classes, courses for college credit, apprentice programs, or other classes)?

Yes .....1  
No .....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

8.22 Do you have a spouse or partner that lives in this household?

Yes .....1  
No .....2 → GO TO 8.26  
DON'T KNOW .....DK → GO TO 8.26  
REFUSED .....REF → GO TO 8.26

The next set of questions are about your spouse/partner's employment.

8.23 How many jobs does your spouse/partner hold currently?

|\_\_|\_\_| (JOBS)  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF 8.23=0 THEN SKIP TO 8.26**

8.24 In the past 12 months, about how many hours per week has your spouse/partner worked in the average week? Count everything, including extra jobs or paid work (he/she) does at home.

|\_\_|\_\_|(HRS PER WEEK)  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**SHOWCARD N**

**8.25** Please look at Showcard N. Which of the following benefits does your spouse/partner get from (his/her) job?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- HEALTH INSURANCE FOR (HIM/HERSELF) .....01
- HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY .....02
- DENTAL INSURANCE FOR (HIM/HERSELF) .....03
- DENTAL INSURANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY .....04
- LIFE INSURANCE .....05
- LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE .....06
- RETIREMENT PROGRAM .....07
- PAID SICK DAYS .....08
- UNPAID SICK DAYS OR PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS .....09
- PAID VACATION .....10
- NONE OF THE ABOVE .....11
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.26** I am going to be asking you about your household income, but first, I want to ask you about possible sources of that income...

Did you (or anyone in your household) receive any income in the last 12 months from (...)?	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
<b>8.26a</b> Wages or salary	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26b</b> Commissions, bonuses, or tips	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26c</b> Self-employment income from a business or farm, including proprietorships and partnerships	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26d</b> Interest payments, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26e</b> Social Security or railroad retirement	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26f</b> Supplemental security income	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26g</b> Public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26h</b> Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26i</b> Other work that you have not yet told me about that you did inside or outside the home such as child care/babysitting, doing hair, cooking, car repair, carpentry, or other jobs like that	1	2	DK	REF
<b>8.26j</b> Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veteran's payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony	1	2	DK	REF



**SHOWCARD O**

**8.27** What was your total household income from all of these sources for the last 12 months?

**FI INFO:**

READ NAMES FROM ROSTER AS A REMINDER OF WHO RESPONDENT SHOULD BE REFERRING TO WHEN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION

\$0 - \$4,999 .....	1
\$5,000 - \$9,999 .....	2
\$10,000 - \$14,999 .....	3
\$15,000 - \$19,999 .....	4
\$20,000 - \$24,999 .....	5
\$25,000 - \$29,999 .....	6
\$30,000 or more .....	7
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**8.28** In the past 12 months, have you (or anyone in your household) received food stamps?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**8.29** Have you received the Earned Income Tax Credit in the last 12 months?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**8.30** Have you received the Child Care Tax Credit in the last 12 months?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**8.31** Sometimes families **give** financial help, either to other people they live with or to friends and family outside. Did you give any financial help like this in the last 12 months?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2 → GO TO 8.32
DON'T KNOW .....	DK → GO TO 8.32
REFUSED .....	REF → GO TO 8.32

**8.31a** Was any of this financial help to friends or family in other countries?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2
DON'T KNOW .....	DK
REFUSED .....	REF

**8.32** Sometimes families **get** financial help, either from other people they live with or from friends and family outside. Did you get any help like this in the last 12 months?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.33** Do you (and your spouse or partner) own this (house/apartment), rent it, or what?

- Own .....1
- Buying .....2
- Rent.....3 → **GO TO 8.36**
- Rent to own .....4 → **GO TO 8.36**
- Buying on contract .....5 → **GO TO 8.36**
- Live here for free .....6 → **GO TO 8.39**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK→ **GO TO 8.39**
- REFUSED .....REF→ **GO TO 8.39**

**8.34** What do you think the value of your house is?

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.35** What is the total monthly mortgage on this unit?

- PER MONTH \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- HOUSE PAID FOR .....0
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: GO TO 8.37**

**8.36** What is the total monthly rent on this unit?

- PER MONTH \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.37** How much of that do you (and your spouse/partner) pay?

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF 8.33=1 or 2 GO TO 8.41**

**8.38** Are (you/you and your family) paying lower rent because the federal, state or local government is paying part of the rent?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.39** Is the building owned by a public housing authority?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.40** Did a public housing authority or some similar agency give you (or any member of your household) a section 8 certificate or voucher to help pay the rent for this apartment or home?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.41** Does anyone in your household own a car, van or truck?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2 → **GO TO 8.42**
- DON'T KNOW .....DK → **GO TO 8.42**
- REFUSED .....REF → **GO TO 8.42**

**8.41a** Is this vehicle dependable?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.42** Do you currently have a valid driver's license?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.43** People sometimes borrow money or take out loans. Right now, are you (and/or your spouse/partner) paying back any of the following loans?

**8.43a** Home mortgage?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.43b** Home improvement loan?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**8.43c** Home equity loan?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

- 8.43d** Car loan?  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 8.43e** Student loan?  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 8.43f** Hospital or medical bill?  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 8.43g** Credit card balance?  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 8.43h** Furniture or appliances?  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF
- 8.43i** Other loan? (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes .....1  
 No.....2  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**SKIP: IF THERE WAS NOT AT LEAST ONE "1" (YES) RESPONSE TO 8.43a-8.43j SKIP TO 8.45**

**SHOWCARD P**

**8.44** When you think of (that loan/all those loans), what is the total amount you (and your spouse/partner) owe?

- \$1 - \$4,999 .....1  
 \$5,000 - \$9,999 .....2  
 \$10,000 - \$14,999 .....3  
 \$15,000 - \$19,999 .....4  
 \$20,000 - \$24,999 .....5  
 \$25,000 - \$29,999 .....6  
 \$30,000 or more .....7  
 DON'T KNOW .....DK  
 REFUSED .....REF

**8.45** People sometimes save money for the future. Right now, are you (and/or your spouse/partner) saving for any of the following things:

- 8.45a** To buy a house?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF
- 8.45b** For school or college?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF
- 8.45c** For a car?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF
- 8.45d** For retirement?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF
- 8.45e** For emergencies?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF
- 8.45f** Other savings? (SPECIFY)\_\_\_\_\_   
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.46** Do you have a checking account?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.47** Do you have a savings account?  
Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**8.48** Do you have a credit card?

- Yes .....1
- No.....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF



**8.49** Now we're interested in how people might cope with emergencies. What if you had an unexpected bill that was half of your monthly income and you had to pay the bill in two weeks. The card shows different ways people might handle this kind of situation. Which of the ways do you think would work for you? Just give me the numbers next to each way that you might use to handle this situation.

CODE ALL THAT APPLY.

- 8.49a** USE SAVINGS.....1
- 8.49b** USE A CREDIT CARD .....2
- 8.49c** BORROW FROM FAMILY.....3
- 8.49d** BORROW FROM FRIENDS.....4
- 8.49e** SELL SOMETHING .....5
- 8.49f** GET A PAYDAY LOAN.....6
- 8.49g** PAWN SOMETHING .....7
- 8.49h** BORROW FROM BANK.....8
- 8.49i** BORROW FROM CONSUMER FINANCE ENTERPRISE ..9
- 8.49j** WOULD NOT PAY .....10
- 8.49k** MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SAVINGS .....11
- 8.49l** OTHER (SPECIFY)\_\_\_\_\_ .....12
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

## Segment 9:

### Demographics

Now I have a few more questions about you. Your answers to the following questions will be used in combination with the answers you have already provided to help us understand your neighborhood.

**9.1** Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin or descent?

**PROMPT:** This group includes people of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, and any other Spanish background.

No, not Latino/Spanish/Hispanic .....1  
Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano.....2  
Yes, Puerto Rican .....3  
Yes, Cuban.....4  
Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino .....5  
SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**9.2** What race do you consider yourself?

\_\_\_\_\_  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**9.3** In what country were you born?

United States.....1 → **GO TO 9.5**  
Other (SPECIFY)\_\_\_\_\_2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**9.3a** In what year did you come to live in the United States?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEAR  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**9.4** Are you a **citizen** of the United States?

Yes .....1  
No.....2  
DON'T KNOW .....DK  
REFUSED .....REF

**9.5** What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- EIGHTH GRADE OR LESS .....1 → GO TO END
- BEYOND EIGHTH GRADE BUT NOT  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION .....2 → GO TO END
- GED .....3 → GO TO END
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION .....4 → GO TO END
- TRADE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL .....5 → GO TO END
- ONE TO THREE YEARS OF COLLEGE .....6 → GO TO END
- GRADUATED FOUR YEAR COLLEGE .....7 → GO TO END
- SOME GRADUATE EDUCATION .....8 → GO TO END
- GRADUATE DEGREE .....9 → GO TO END
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**9.6** In what country were you educated?

- United States .....1
- Other .....2
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF

**9.7** What was your age when you completed your highest level of education?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (AGE)
- DON'T KNOW .....DK
- REFUSED .....REF



**END** IF THE RESPONDENT WANTS TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT (HIM/HERSELF), (HIS/HER) FAMILY OR NEIGHBORHOOD, RECORD IT HERE.

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I will be sending this document to our offices in Chicago. An editor will check to see that I have indicated an answer to all of the appropriate questions. If I mistakenly skipped a question, someone from our central office will call you to fill in the missing information.

My office may want to verify that I was here. Someone may call you to make sure that I conducted the interview. About three years from now I would like to call on you to ask you to participate in a follow-up survey. In case you move away I'd like to get some information about you and those close to you that could help us locate you.

<b>FI INFO:</b> COMPLETE LOCATING INFORMATION SECTION IN CASE BOOKLET WITH RESPONDNET BEFORE ENDING INTERVIEW.
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