

Informed Consent to Participate in Research

You are being asked to participate in a research project that seeks to investigate your beliefs and perceptions around the issue of family homelessness. You will be asked to complete the following survey, which is made up of mostly multiple-choice questions, and a few open-ended responses.

All research forms and materials will be stored in a password-protected internet account and computer files, only accessible by the Faith and Family Homelessness staff. Your name will not be requested in this survey, and will never appear in any publication of these data. All materials will be kept for a minimum of three (3) years then will be destroyed.

Your participation in this study is VOLUNTARY. You may choose to withdraw consent to participate at any time, and may stop taking the survey at any time. A summary of the results of this research will be supplied to you, at no cost, upon request. Contact (Insert)

1. I have read the above statements and understand what is being asked of me. I also understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw my consent at any time, for any reason, without penalty. On these terms, I certify that I am willing to participate in this research project.

I understand that should I have any concerns about my participation in this study, I may call (Insert)

- Yes, I consent to participate**
- No, I do not consent. (Please do not continue the survey)**

2. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age.

- Yes.**
- No, I am under 18. (Please do not continue the survey)**

For the purposes of this survey, homelessness is broadly defined as: living outside, in a car, in emergency shelter, in a motel, staying with friends/relatives or being otherwise unstably housed.

Family Homelessness

3. What do you think is the most common reason families become homeless? (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Income | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Job | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Decision Making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Affordable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

4. What do you think is the biggest obstacle faced by homeless families who are trying to find housing? (select one)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult system to navigate | <input type="checkbox"/> Not trying hard enough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive move-in deposits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working in low paying jobs | |

5. What do you think is the largest source of funding for organizations who serve homeless families? (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate donors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government grants/programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Private foundations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual donors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

6. Who is MOST responsible for solving the social problem of family homelessness? (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All members of the community | <input type="checkbox"/> State Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charities/Non-Profit Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above, it's each individual family's private problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government | |

For the purposes of this survey, homelessness is broadly defined as: living outside, in a car, in emergency shelter, in a motel, staying with friends/relatives or being otherwise unstably housed.

7. Using the scale below, rate the importance of addressing the following social problems. Please mark an X along the line to indicate the relative importance of each issue.

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Access to Health Care	_____		
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	_____		
Child Abuse	_____		
Education (Early&K12)	_____		
Individual Homelessness	_____		
Affordable Housing	_____		
Employment	_____		
Environmental Issues	_____		
Teen Pregnancy	_____		
Family Homelessness	_____		
Other issue: _____	_____		

8. How seriously do you think your COMMUNITY (the city and county you live in) treats the problem of family homelessness? (please mark an X to indicate your response)

Not Seriously	Seriously	Very Seriously
.....		

9. How seriously do YOU treat the problem of family homelessness?

Not Seriously	Seriously	Very Seriously
.....		

10. Given all the issues in our community, how important is it that we END family homelessness?

Not Important	Important	Very Important
.....		

11. How do you think people of faith can be most effective in reducing family homelessness? (select one)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Financially supporting local social service agencies and charities <input type="checkbox"/> Advocating for public policy changes in local and state government <input type="checkbox"/> Voting in local, state, and national elections when eligible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering with local social service agencies or charities <input type="checkbox"/> Faith communities have no role in reducing family homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Inviting homeless families to live with us in our homes <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)_____ |
|---|--|

For the purposes of this survey, homelessness is broadly defined as: living outside, in a car, in emergency shelter, in a motel, staying with friends/relatives or being otherwise unstably housed.

12. What would it take to get YOU actively engaged in ending family homelessness?

13. Do you have any other thoughts you would like to share about family homelessness?

14. What is your age?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51-60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 61-70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40 | <input type="checkbox"/> 71 or older |

15. What is your gender?

- Male Female Other

16. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not attend school | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year college degree (Bachelors Degree) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Degree (JD, MD, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year College Degree (Associates Degree) | |

17. How many people currently live in your household? _____

18. What is your approximate yearly household income?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125,000-\$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000-\$174,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$175,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$124,999 | |