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# 2009 Client Survey DSHS Clients Speak

## **APPENDICES**

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## Appendix A | Methods



#### Purpose of the Survey

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is committed to continuous quality improvement in services to its customers, the residents of Washington State. DSHS senior leadership commissioned the recurring client survey in order to systematically include customer feedback into the agency's strategic planning process. This survey assesses clients' satisfaction with DSHS programs and provides recommendations for improvements that will assist agency leadership in charting a future course for DSHS.

While many individual DSHS programs have ongoing projects to measure client satisfaction and recommendations for change, this is the only DSHS-wide client survey. The measures in this survey were derived from the DSHS Balanced ScoreCard and many of them have been included in the agency's Accountability ScoreCard, the Governor's Performance Agreement, and GMAP (Government Management Accountability and Performance) reports. Beginning with the initial survey in 2001, the survey process provides baseline and repeatable measures. As the survey is repeated, change in client perceptions can be tracked across time. Additionally, open-ended questions are included in the survey to provide an opportunity for clients to communicate more specific opinions, perceived problem areas and suggestions for improvement. This annual survey provides an avenue for client participation in program planning and evaluation.

#### Survey Instrument

A cross-department survey team led by DSHS Research and Data Analysis (RDA) Division developed the core set of survey questions for the first DSHS Client Survey in 2001. RDA staff completed an extensive review of the customer satisfaction literature and collected samples of customer satisfaction surveys from programs and regions throughout DSHS. The survey team used these reviews to identify the key attributes of client services to be addressed. The final interview addresses the major client satisfaction attributes identified by the team. The first 17 questions refer to specific programs. Lead-ins to the questions help clients identify what services they have received from that specific program, and the guestions themselves are customized to reflect the specific program and the respondent's relationship to the client (self, parent, guardian, family member, etc.).<sup>1</sup> Thus, the final survey completed by each respondent is customized to reflect the identified client's service usage and the respondent's relationship to the client. Clients who utilize more than one program answer the 17 program-specific questions several times—once for each program utilized. The final drafts of the lead-ins and questions were reviewed by DSHS leadership, each program, and the survey team, and were pre-tested several times. A special effort was made to craft questions that are easy to comprehend. Other questions address DSHS-wide issues. Complete lists of survey questions can be found in Appendices C and D.

#### Changes in the Survey

The basic survey questions have remained fairly stable since the first DSHS Client Survey in 2001. However, there have been some changes to improve clarity:

**2007 changes.** As the result of a comprehensive review, several major changes in question wording and format were made between the 2005 and 2007 surveys. These changes included:

- Change from using statements ("It is easy to get services from DSHS.") to questions ("Is it easy to get services from DSHS?").
- Change in standard response alternatives. In previous surveys, the standard response choices were: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree. In the 2007 survey, the choices were changed to: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, Strong No.

<sup>1</sup> For example, the question about service knowledge could be read to the client or their representative as: "Do you know what mental health services there are for you?" or "Do you know what medical assistance services there are for your child?" Certain questions are also rephrased for Children's Administration because many CA services are mandatory in nature. For example, the question which usually reads, "Is it easy to get help from (specific program)?" is rephrased because clients from mandatory programs generally do not seek initial assistance. The customized question for CA reads: "If you need help from Child and Family Services, is it easy to get that help?" Likewise, two questions about the Division of Child Support addressing client involvement were skipped because they were not applicable to this program. Additionally, non-custodial parent Child Support clients were not asked the question about whether DSHS staff understood their needs. Appendix C contains a list of the standard wording for the basic survey questions. Appendix D contains a sample survey for a hypothetical client who utilized all 8 programs. This sample script does not show all possible permutations of the survey. The script with all possibilities written out is more than 100 pages long, with several versions of a question on each page.

- Change in wording for one of the coordination questions. The old question was: "Someone from DSHS helps me with all of my services." This question was confusing for many clients; it was not clear whether "someone" referred to a single person or multiple persons. The replacement question is: "Do the staff from DSHS work together as a team to try to help you get the services you need?"
- Addition of another question on telephone access, reflecting the trend toward call centers: "When you call DSHS, is it easy to get to a live person, if you need to?"
- Addition of a trial diversity question at the end of the survey—with a follow-up open-ended question for those who answer "yes."
- Addition of non-custodial parents who are DCS clients to the survey sample. (Custodial DCS parents were added in 2005.)

**2009 changes**. At the suggestion of experienced interviewers, the order of questions was rearranged slightly. The wording of a few other questions was changed to increase clarity:

- Addition of the word "set" to a client involvement question. The revised question is: "Did you help make plans and *set* goals about services?"
- Replacement of the word "facts" with "information" in one of the information questions. Too
  many respondents misheard the word "facts" as "fax." The revised question is: "Was it easy
  to get the information you needed about services?"
- Change in wording for one of the client involvement questions. The old question was: "Were
  you involved in making choices about your services?" Many clients felt this was repetitive of
  the other client involvement question: "Did you make plans and set goals about services?" The
  replacement question is: "Do you have a say in what kind of services you get?"
- Rewording the diversity question which was introduced in 2007. The revised question reads: "In the past two years has there been a time when you felt DSHS staff treated you unfairly because of your race, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disabilities?"

### Sample

RDA generated the stratified random sample using the Client Services Data Base (CSDB), which contains client service data from all DSHS programs. For each of the 10 identified client programs<sup>2</sup> listed below, RDA staff drew a random sample of all clients who received services from that program during the month of June 2008. Sufficient clients were selected to reach the goal of at least 100 completed surveys from clients selected from each program area.

Aging and Disability Services Administration

- Long Term Care—Home and Community and Residential Care Services Divisions
- Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Children's Administration

All Children's programs

- Executive Administration
  - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Economic Services Administration

- Community Services Division
- Division of Child Support, custodial parents
- Division of Child Support, non-custodial parents

Health and Rehabilitation Services Administration

- Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Medical Assistance
- Mental Health Division

<sup>2</sup> Clients are not selected from the caseload of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA). Experience has shown that a survey administered after youth are released from JRA supervision is not an effective or representative method to obtain JRA client feedback. JRA conducts surveys while youth are under their supervision. These surveys incorporate many of the client survey questions.

#### Sampling Considerations

In the process of selecting the survey sample, certain selection rules determined who was included in the final sample:

- If a client selected in the initial samples drawn from the Mental Health Division or the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse was between the ages of 13 and 17 years old, that client was not included in the sample. This decision protects client confidentiality, since youth between the ages of 13-17 are able to access mental health and substance abuse services without parental knowledge or consent. When clients between the ages of 13 and 17 were selected from other programs, such as Economic Services Administration or Medical Assistance Administration, these clients were included in the survey, but no questions were asked about mental health or substance abuse services.
- Only adult clients (age 18 and over) were selected in the sample from Children's Administration (CA). As described previously, throughout the survey, parents or caregivers answered survey questions about services for children under the age of 18. The selection of adult CA clients ensured that all families receiving services from CA were included in the survey, because the CA database is organized by families and always includes co-residing parents. Survey questions regarding CA inquired about services for all family members. This sampling plan helped to decrease the number of times we selected a child client, only to find out that the responsible adult was an ineligible foster parent or state employee. In some cases, children who were selected as part of the survey sample from other program areas (for example, the Division of Developmental Disabilities or Medical Assistance Administration) also had received services from CA. In those cases, the responsible adult was asked about all DSHS services the selected child received, including services from CA.
- Clients were drawn from Children's Administration only if a family received one or more of the following services: Child Protective Services, Division of Licensing Resources Child Protective Services, Family Reconciliation Services, Home-Based Services, or Foster Care Services.

### **Eligibility Factors**

Certain groups of clients were deemed ineligible for the client survey due to a high probability of being unable to respond to the survey or of being extremely difficult to reach. Clients were excluded from the survey whenever it was discovered that a client belonged to an excluded group. A few were identified during the sampling process; many more were identified during the process of finding phone numbers; and still more were identified when contacted by the interviewers. Clients were deemed ineligible for the survey under the following conditions:

- The client lives in a nursing facility. (Clients residing in adult family homes and boarding homes were included in the survey.)
- The client is receiving long-term hospitalization. (This includes state mental hospitals.)
- The client is physically or cognitively unable to complete the survey, and no guardian, family member, or other person who handles his or her affairs was available.
- The client is out of the country.
- The client is a member of the military and currently deployed.
- The client is incarcerated in a jail, prison, or JRA institution.
- The client is currently in an inpatient drug or alcohol detoxification program.
- The client is homeless and could not be contacted through any means listed in DSHS records.
- The responsible adult answering for a child client is a foster parent or state employee.<sup>3</sup>
- The only possible respondent for a client is a DSHS provider.
- The DSHS program has no record of the client, although the client appeared in the database sample from said program.
- The client received case management services only— had no actual contact with the program.
- The client has a confidential address.
- The client is deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Other DSHS client surveys address the issues of foster parents and state employees.

#### Interview Methods

Telephone interviews began on October 10, 2008 and ended on April 10, 2009. If necessary, more than 20 attempts were made to contact each member of the sample. Before the interviews, DSHS-RDA sent all sample members a prior notification letter that: (a) informed the client that an interviewer would be calling, (b) assured the client that all survey data would be confidential and not personally identifiable, (c) emphasized that the interview would be voluntary and would not affect the client's status or benefits in any way, (d) told the client that all respondents who completed the survey would be entered in a random drawing to win one of ten \$250 grocery certificates, and (e) provided a toll-free number to call to decline participation in the study. Clients or their representatives were afforded an opportunity to send or call in their correct address and phone number and to request survey administration in a language other than English. If the client was a child (under 18 years of age) or an adult incapable of completing the interview accurately (due to cognitive or physical disabilities), then letters (and subsequent phone calls) were made to the person who acts as decision-maker for the client and/or interacts with DSHS on the client's behalf.

Interviews were conducted using a variation of the model script shown in Appendix D, tailored to the specific client's circumstances and pattern of DSHS service use. The length of the typical interview varied from 10 to 40 minutes, depending on the number of DSHS services utilized by the client. The interviews started with assuring the respondent of confidentiality and the voluntary nature of the survey, and informing the respondent that he or she may choose not to answer any question and may stop at any time. The interviewer then asked the survey questions about the program(s) utilized by the client.

Most of the telephone interviews were conducted from the Research and Data Analysis (RDA) office in Olympia, using the a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system created using SurveyMonkey. The CATI system displays survey questions on a computer monitor, making it possible for the interviewer to read the question to the client and enter the response directly into the survey database. No identifying data is entered into the CATI. When a translator was required, the RDA interviewer used a 3-way phone call to administer the survey with the assistance of an interpreter from Pacific Interpreters.

#### **Response Rate**

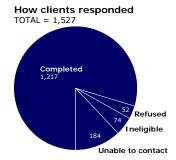
The overall cooperation rate for the survey was 96% and the completion rate was 84%.<sup>4</sup> These response rates are extraordinarily high for any survey, but are especially remarkable for a survey involving the particularly challenging population of DSHS clients. The main difficulties encountered in locating clients and completing interviews were the following:

- Many DSHS clients are transient and do not maintain a permanent residence. This is
  particularly true for young adult clients (18 to 21 years old) who have recently been released
  from foster care or substance abuse programs.
- Like many other Americans, many DSHS clients block non-personal calls, screen their calls through answering machines, or use cell phones instead of residential phones.
- Most DSHS clients are low income, and a number do not have home phones. (Unlike most telephone surveys, this survey included selected respondents without residential telephones in the sample and response rate calculations.)
- A number of the older adult clients receiving Aging and Disability Services were too tired to complete the survey, or found listening and responding too demanding.
- Some clients dealing with substance abuse, mental health issues, developmental disabilities, age-related concerns, or other problems found the survey difficult to comprehend, or did not wish to comment on their personal experiences.

**<sup>4</sup>** The cooperation rate is the ratio of the number of completed interviews to the number of eligible respondents who were actually contacted. The completion rate is the ratio of the number of completed interviews to the total number of potential respondents who are deemed eligible to complete the interview. See Appendix B for computation tables for the overall cooperation rate and completion rates for each program.

Surveyors employed a number of measures to dramatically increase response rates.

- Skilled staff. The interviewer staff is comprised of highly experienced interviewers who were
  chosen not only for their experience, but also because they were retired DSHS employees who
  had spent many years locating DSHS clients as part of Quality Assurance investigations and
  other DSHS business. These interviewers were highly skilled at using DSHS records, the
  Internet and other public sources to find a client's current address and phone number.
- Advance notice. Before clients were contacted by phone, they received a letter explaining the survey, stressing the importance of this opportunity to provide feedback, and assuring them of confidentiality. The letter also gave them an opportunity to send in updated phone numbers and addresses.
- Incentives. All clients who completed the survey were entered in a drawing for \$250 grocery certificates. They were informed of this opportunity in the initial letter and at the time of the interview. Clients who had to answer survey questions about 5 or more programs were also given a \$20 grocery store gift certificate.
- **Multiple attempts**. Interviewers attempted to reach clients at many different times, and made 20 or more attempts to reach each client. If an answering machine was reached, interviewers left a message asking the client or representative to call them at a toll-free number.
- Alternate contact methods. Clients were given a toll-free number so that they could call in and complete the survey. Interviewers also worked with caseworkers, relatives and neighbors to make arrangements to administer the survey to clients at convenient times and locations. These strategies were particularly useful for clients who did not have a home phone.
- Languages. If selected clients spoke languages other than English, staff administered the telephone survey in a 3-way conversation with interpreters from Pacific Interpreters. The survey was administered in 24 languages: English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, Cambodian, Cantonese, Cebuano, Chinese, Croatian, Filipino—Tagalog, Indonesian, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Oromo, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Thai, Tigrinya, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.



#### RESPONDENTS

The chart at left shows the disposition of all those clients selected for the survey. To meet the goal of 100 completed surveys for each of the ten different programs, 1,527 clients were randomly selected as the survey sample. Of those, 1,217 people completed the telephone survey. A relatively small number, 184 of the selected clients, could not be reached. Of those who could be reached, 52 refused to complete the survey. Also, 74 of the selected people were found to be ineligible for the survey. Appendix B shows more detail.

#### Analysis and Weighting

Survey data were analyzed using ACCESS, SAS and SUDAAN software. In order to obtain DSHSwide results, clients' responses were weighted according to each client's service profile (the specific combination of services that the client used), so that the final weighted sample reflects the service usage of all DSHS clients.<sup>5</sup> The weighting table is displayed in Appendix E.

An additional type of weighting was used when answers to program-specific questions were combined to give an "All Program" response. When clients used multiple programs, they might answer the same question differently for each program used. For example, a client might strongly agree it is easy to get Economic Services, but disagree that it is easy to get Mental Health Services. Answers are combined in this department-wide report, resulting in the following accounting for the client in this example: 1/2 of a client gave a "Strong Yes" answer to "Is it easy to get services from your program?" while 1/2 of a client said "No" to the same question.

**<sup>5</sup>** For example, 0.17% of all DSHS clients get services from this combination of programs: Economic Services, Medical Assistance, and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. For DSHS-wide analyses, the 15 responses from people who used this combination of programs were weighted so that they comprise 0.17% of the total survey responses.

## Appendix B | Cooperation and Completion Rates



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## **Cooperation and Completion Rates<sup>1</sup>**

	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation													
	HRSA - Mental Health Division HRSA - Medical Assistance													
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_	ADSA - Aging and Adult		(Long- Care)											
	-	TOTAL	LTC	СА	DASA	DCS- N	DCS- C	DD	ESA	МА	MHD	DVR		
Α	Full Interview	1,217	123	111	108	114	118	108	125	194	105	111		
в	Refusal	52	7	4	9	10	3	1	3	5	5	5		
С	Subtotal: Found Eligible (A + B)	1,269	130	115	117	124	121	109	128	199	110	116		
D	Found Ineligible	74	10	6	14	11	3	4	8	6	10	2		
Е	Subtotal: All Found (C + D)	1,343	140	121	131	135	124	113	136	205	120	118		
F	Percent found ineligible (D/E)	6%	7%	5%	11%	8%	2%	4%	6%	3%	8%	2%		
G	No Contact	184	0	19	24	65	16	7	15	16	10	12		
н	<i>No Contact/Estimated to be ineligible (FxG)</i>	10	0	1	3	5	0	0	1	0	1	0		
I	Subtotal: All Eligible (C+G-H)	1,443	130	133	138	184	137	116	142	215	119	128		
J	<b>Total in Sample</b> (E+G)	1,527	140	140	155	200	140	120	151	221	130	130		
К	COOPERATION RATE <sup>2</sup> (A/C)	<b>96%</b>	95%	97%	92%	<del>9</del> 2%	98%	<b>99</b> %	98%	<b>97</b> %	95%	96%		
L	COMPLETION RATE <sup>3</sup> (A/I)	84%	95%	83%	78%	62%	86%	93%	88%	90%	88%	87%		

<sup>1</sup> Often clients received services from several programs. For the purposes of response rate calculations, clients were categorized by the program from which the sample was drawn. So, in this chart, each client appears in the count for only one program.

<sup>2</sup> The ratio of completed interviews to all potential respondents contacted.

**<sup>3</sup>** The ratio of completed interviews to the total number of potential eligible respondents. Computation assumes that the ineligible proportion of "no contacts" is equal to the ineligible portion of those that were found. The methodology is based on the definitions of response rates issued by the Council of American Survey Research Organizations (CASRO) and the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR).

## Appendix C | Survey Questions



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## Survey Questions

The following is a standardized list of the **basic questions** in the survey. All questions are customized to fit the respondent's relationship to the client (self, parent, guardian, family member, etc.) The first 17 questions were customized for each program.<sup>1</sup> Questions are listed in the order they are asked the survey. The numbering reflects the original order from the 2001 survey. To facilitate historical analysis, questions were not renumbered when the order changed. See Appendix D for a sample of the entire survey with sections for each client program.

- 3. Is it easy to get to the (program) office?
- 4. Is the (*program*) office open at times that are good for you?
- 2. Is it easy to get services from (program)?
- 1. Do you know what (program) services there are for you/your family?
- 5a. When/If you call (program), is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?
- 5. Did (*program*) staff return your calls within 24 hours?
- 6. Did you/your family get services as quickly as you needed?
- 7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?
- 8. Did (program) staff explain things clearly?
- 9. Did staff who helped you treat you/your family with courtesy and respect?
- 10. Did staff who helped you/your family listen to what you had to say?
- 11. Did staff who helped you/your family understand your needs?
- 12. Did you/your family have a say in what kind of services you get?
- 13. Did you/your family help make plans and set goals about (program) services?
- 14. Are you satisfied with (program) services?
- 15. Does (program) do good work?
- 16. Overall, has (program) helped you/your family?

Two **Coordination of Services questions** were asked only if a client was served by <u>three</u> <u>or more</u> programs:

- 17. Does DSHS make sure all your services work well together?
- 18. Do the staff from your different DSHS programs work together as a team to try to help you get the services you need?

An **Overall Rating question** was asked of any client who had received services from <u>two</u> <u>or more</u> DSHS programs:

19. Thinking of all programs together, has DSHS done good work?

Three **open-ended questions** were asked of all respondents to gain a sense of clients' experiences with DSHS services:

- 20. What do you like best about dealing with DSHS?
- 21. What is one thing DSHS can do to improve services?
- 27. If you have any additional comments or questions about this survey or DSHS, I can note them now.

Three **Internet questions** were added to the 2009 survey. If the client responded "no" to the first question about using the Internet to access DSHS information or services, they were asked a follow-up question about their interest in using the Internet in the future. All clients were asked about their access to the Internet for personal business.

<sup>1</sup> In addition to adding the name of the program and making wording consistent with program usage, a few questions were changed more substantively. Questions 2, 6 and 12 were rephrased for Children's Administration which often provides involuntary services. For example, Question 2 is rephrased clients from involuntary programs generally do not seek initial assistance. The customized question for Children's Administration reads, "If you need help from Child and Family Services, is it easy to get that help?" Division of Child Support Clients were not asked questions 12 and 13. Appendix D shows all program-specific rephrasing.

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- 28. Have you ever used the Internet to find out about or apply for DSHS services?
- 29. Would you like to use the Internet to find out about or apply for DSHS services in the future?
- 30. Where do you usually access the Internet for personal business?

The **Diversity question**, first introduced in 2007, was modified in the 2009 survey. If the client responded "yes" to question 26, they were asked two follow-up questions (26a and 26b):

- 26. In the past 2 years, has there been a time when you felt that DSHS staff treated you unfairly because of your race, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation or disabilities?
  - a. (If yes) In your opinion was the unfair treatment because of:
    - □ Your Race?
       □ Gender?
       □ Other

       □ Your Culture?
       □ Sexual Orientation?
       □ Age?
  - b. Could you please tell us about the unfair treatment?

In addition to the questions outlined above, several "customized" questions have been added at the request of the individual programs:

### DVR:

#### Open-ended question added in 2009:

"What more could DVR do to help you GET and KEEP a job with the wages and benefits you need?"

#### <u>MAA:</u>

## These four questions are asked if client says they have called the 800 number in the past two years:

"When you call the 800 number, is it easy to get a live person?"

"Did staff who helped you when you called the 800 number treat you with courtesy and respect"

"Did they listen to what you had to say?"

"Did they explain things clearly?"

#### Personal Doctor – Questions added in 2009:

"A personal doctor is the one you (client) would see if you (client) need a check-up, want advice about a health program, or get sick or hurt. Do you (client) have a personal doctor or nurse?" [Note: ARNPs or PAs can be primary care providers. If client is a child, you can add: "A personal doctor or nurse is the health provider who knows your child best."]

If answer is Yes: "In the last 12 months, how often was it easy to get appointments with your (client's) personal doctor or nurse?"

If answer is No: "Why don't you (client) have a personal doctor?"

#### Specialists - Questions added in 2009:

"When you answer the next question, do not include dental visits or care you (client) got when you (client) stayed overnight in a hospital. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors and other doctors who SPECIALIZE in ONE area of heath care."

"In the last 12 months, did you try to make any appointments to see a specialist?" <u>If answer is Yes</u>: "In the last 12 months, how often was it easy to get appointments with specialists?"

#### Medical Billing: Questions added in 2009:

"In the past 2 years, have you ever got a bill asking you to pay for some medical service that was supposed to be paid by Medicaid?"

If answer is Yes: "In the end, who paid the bill?"

## Appendix D | Survey Instrument



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## Introduction<sup>1</sup>

Hello. May I speak to <<Client or Representative Name>>

Hello, this is <<Interviewer Name>>.

I have been asked by the Department of Social and Health Services to talk with people who have had contact with DSHS about how well DSHS serves the citizens of our state. You should have received a letter explaining this survey.

The survey results will help DSHS make plans to improve services and to measure whether services improve in the future.

You were randomly chosen from all of the people who have received services from or had contact with DSHS. Your participation is completely voluntary but is very important to us. We want to make sure the sample represents all the people who may come in contact with DSHS.

Whether or not you participate in the survey will not affect any services you may receive from DSHS. We promise that no one from the DSHS programs that serve you will know how you answered. Reports about the survey will not include any names.

We want you to be comfortable telling us how you really feel. Please feel free to ask questions at any time.

If I come to any question that you prefer not to answer, just let me know and I will skip over it.

#### [If respondent is a parent, family member, guardian, or other decision-maker, say:]

You have been selected to receive this survey because you have helped deal with agencies or make decisions for <<Client Name>>.

We would like to ask about any experiences you may have had with DSHS while helping <<Client Name>>.

Write down the name of the person you are talking to on your contact sheet.

Check the relationship of this person to the client.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO CLIENT:

- □ Self
- Parent
- □ Spouse
- □ Other Family Member Same Household
- □ Other Family Member—Not Same Household
- □ Guardian, or other non-family decision-maker
- □ Foster Parent

<sup>1</sup> This sample script does not include all possible variations of the survey (for parents, guardians, family members, and other representatives.) Interviewers modified the survey appropriately to fit the individual situation (See Appendix A). Instructions to the interviewer are in bold font.

## ADSA—DD (Developmental Disabilities)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with DD, the division that helps persons with developmental disabilities.

We see that you have been helped by DD in the last two years. Some of the services they may have provided you are:

- You may live in a home for persons with Developmental Disabilities or someone may come to your house to help you with your daily activities.
- Someone may help you with your job or you may go to an activity during the day.
- You may have received therapies that were paid for with State money.
- You may have a case manager who helps you get services.

Have you had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by DD?

#### □ Denies Contact with ADSA-DD

If special circumstances—like they are listed as getting DD case management, but they don't know it, put here. (Don't ask):

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with ADSA-DD over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the DD office?								
4. Is the DD office open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get services from DD?								
1. Do you know what DD services there are for you?								
5a. When you call DD, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did DD staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you get services as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did DD staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you understand your needs?								
12. Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you help make plans and set goals about DD services?								
14. Are you satisfied with DD services?								
15. Does DD do good work?								
16. Overall, has DD helped you?								

## **DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)**

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with DVR, the division that helps persons with disabilities get jobs. Have you talked to someone at DVR or received services from DVR over the last two years?

#### [If initially denies DVR contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Sometimes people get services through some other agency and don't know these services came from DVR. Let me tell you what kinds of services you may have received:

- You might have had counseling about getting a job; help in looking for a job; an assessment of your job interests and skills; an evaluation to see what jobs you could do.
- Job training or training in how to take care of yourself, manage money or use transportation.
- Medical services or treatment needed for you to work; or help in getting things you need to go to work like: equipment, child-care, books, or supplies.

Have you had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by DVR?

#### Denies DVR Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation over the past two years.

For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the DVR office?								
4. Is the DVR office open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get services from DVR?								
1. Do you know what DVR services there are for you?								
5a. When you call DVR, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did DVR staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you get services as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did DVR staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did DVR staff who helped you treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did DVR staff who helped you listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did DVR staff who helped you understand your needs?								
12. Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you help make plans and set goals about your training and employment?								
14. Are you satisfied with DVR services?								
15. Does DVR do good work?								
16. Overall, has DVR helped you?								

What more could DVR do to help you GET and KEEP a job with the wages and benefits you need?

## ADSA—LTC (Aging and Disability Services—Long Term Care)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with Aging and Adult Services, the division that helps seniors and disabled adults by arranging a place for them to live or sending someone into the home to help with personal care and medical needs. Their office is often called the Home and Community Services Office. Have you talked to someone at Aging and Adult Services or received services from Aging and Adult Services over the last two years?

## [If initially denies Aging and Adult Services contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Sometimes people get services through some other agency and don't know these services came from Aging and Adult Services or from Home and Community Services. Let me tell you what kinds of services you may have received:

- You may live in a special home for seniors or persons with disabilities.
- Someone may come to your house to help you with medical needs, body care, shopping, housework or cooking.
- You may have a case manager who does assessments and helps you get services.
- Someone may have helped you fill out a Medicaid application or helped you get medical coupons for your medicines.

Have you had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by Aging and Adult Services?

### Denies ADSA-LTC Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with Aging and Adult Services over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Appl
3. Is it easy to get to the Aging and Adult or Home and Community Service Office?								
4. Is the office open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get services from Aging and Adult Services?								
1. Do you know what Aging and Adult Services there are for you?								
5a. When you call Aging and Adult or Home and Community Service Office, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did Aging and Adult Services staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you get services as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Aging and Adult Services staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you understand your needs?								
12. Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you help make plans and set goals about services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Aging and Adult Services?								
15. Does Aging and Adult Services do good work?								
16. Overall, has Aging and Adult Services helped you?								

## HRSA—MA (Medical Assistance)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with Medical Assistance, the division that helps pay for medical services. They send a monthly green and white paper DSHS medical ID card. Some people call this card a coupon. You use this card to get medical care. Have you talked to someone at MAA or received services from MAA over the last two years?

#### [If initially denies MAA contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Generally one card covers everyone eligible in the household. If anyone in your family has gotten medical care paid for by the state, you probably got these cards:

- You might use this card to get care from a health care plan like Group Health.
- You might have gotten the card through a program like Basic Health Plan, Healthy Options, or CHIP.

Have you received this green and white paper medical ID card or coupon any time in the past two years? (If not sure, is there someone you can ask?)

### 🛛 Yes

### □ No – Denies MAA Contact

Have you called the 800 number on the back of the green and white medical ID card in the past two years?

#### □ No. Skip questions A, B and C below

🛛 Yes. Continue

→ I'd like to ask you four questions about the people you talked with when you called the 800 number. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
A1. When you call the 800 number, is it easy to get a live person?								
A. Did staff who helped you when you called the 800 number treat you with courtesy and respect?								
B. Did they listen to what you had to say?								
C. Did they explain things clearly?								

A personal doctor is the one you (client) would see if you (client) need a check-up, want advice about a health program, or get sick or hurt. Do you (client) have a personal doctor or nurse? [Note: ARNPs or PAs can be primary care providers. If Client is a child, you can add: "A personal doctor or nurse is the health provider who knows your child best."]

	☐ No. Answer question "B" before continuing on
	Yes. Answer question "A" before continuing on
	<ul> <li>In the last 12 months, how often was it easy to get appointments with your (client's) personal doctor or nurse?</li> <li>Never Easy</li> <li>Sometimes</li> <li>Usually</li> <li>Always Easy</li> </ul>
> E	<ol><li>Why don't you (client) have a personal doctor? [Check all that patient mentions]</li></ol>
	□ Didn't need one
	□ Haven't looked for one
I	I had one, but no longer available (retired, moved, closed practice, won't take me anymore, etc.)
	$\Box$ Can't find one that takes the medical coupon
I	□ Other Please specify for "Other":

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When you answer the next question, do not include dental visits or care you (client) got when you (client) stayed overnight in a hospital. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors and other doctors who SPECIALIZE in ONE area of heath care.

In the last 12 months, did you try to make any appointments to see a specialist?

	No. Skip question below
	Yes. Continue
v	olunteered comments – don't ask:
► Ir	the last 12 months, how often was it easy to get appointments with specialists?
_	] Never Easy
_	] Sometimes
L	」 Usually
	Always Easy
1	f client volunteers other information about finding specialists, put here (don't ask) :

Have you used the green and white medical ID card to get medical services in the past two years? Or does anyone else in your household get medical care from the state with the medical ID card?

[If they seem unsure, probe further.] Has the State paid for any part of your medical care in the past two years?

Is it possible that you used the State card or coupon to get that care?

- 🗌 Yes
- 🗆 No

You can explain any special circumstances in this box. Like State just pays Medicare premium:

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I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with Medical Assistance over the past two years. When I ask about your medical provider I mean all doctors, nurses, dentists, or other therapists who were paid by using a medical ID card or coupon. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the medical providers' offices?								
<ol><li>Are the medical providers' offices open at times that are good for you?</li></ol>								
2. Is it easy to get services with the medical ID card?								
<ol> <li>Do you know what Medical Assistance services there are for you or your family?</li> </ol>								
5a. When you call the medical provider's office, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did medical providers' staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you get services with the medical ID card as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about Medical Assistance services?								
8. Did your medical providers and their staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did the medical providers and their staff treat you or your family with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did the medical providers and their staff listen to what you or your family members had to say?								
11. Did the medical providers and their staff understand your needs?								
12. Did you and your family have a say in what kind of medical care you get?								
13. Did you and your family help make plans and set goals about medical services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Medical Assistance services?								
15. Does Medical Assistance do good work?								
16. Overall, has Medical Assistance helped you or your family?								

In the past 2 years, have you ever got a bill asking you to pay for some medical service that was supposed to be paid by Medicaid?

── 凵 No. Skip question below
🛛 🛛 Yes. Continue
To the end who wild the kill? <b>FD</b> as there at a transmittee and the second s
→ In the end, who paid the bill? [Don't read alternatives unless you need to]
Medicaid (including my state medical plan)
To my knowledge, it's not been paid
Don't know
Other
Please specify for "Other":
→ [Go to next program. These are in preferred selection order – choose TOP MOST agency

applicable.]

## ESA (Economic Services Administration)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with Economic Services, the division that sends money and food stamps from the State to individuals and families and also runs the WorkFirst program to help people getting state money find and keep jobs. When you talk to someone from Economic Services you usually call or go to a CSO, which is a Community Services Office. Have you talked to someone at ESA or received services from ESA over the last two years?

#### [If initially denies ESA contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

We see that you or someone in your family has received some state money in the last two years. Some of the services they may have provided you are:

- You may have received food stamps, emergency assistance or TANF money, which is Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- You may have received General Assistance money because you were blind, pregnant, disabled, in an institution, or unemployable.
- You may have got supplemental Social Security or SSI payments from the State.
- You may have received some money because you were a refugee or because you needed childcare.
- You may also have been in the WorkFirst program which helps people on TANF find and keep jobs.

Have you or a family member had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by Economic Services?

[If they don't seem to be familiar with monies that may have supported a child, look for clues that there is someone else who is the "primary decision-maker" for this client. If so, talk to the primary decision-maker.]

### Denies ESA Contact

Are you the only person in your family who gets State money, food stamps, or WorkFirst services from Economics Services?

☐ Yes

🗆 No

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I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with Economic Services over the past two years. When we ask about Economic Services we are asking about the people who send you or your family State money or food stamps or run WorkFirst. This generally means the CSO staff, which might include your financial worker, case manager, or social worker.

For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the Community Service Office (CSO)?								
4. Is the CSO open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get services from Economic Services?								
1. Do you know what Economic Services there are for you?								
5a. When you call Economic Services, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did Economic Services staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did your family get services as quickly as they needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Economic Services staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you or your family treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you or your family listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you or your family understand your needs?								
12. Did you and your family have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you and your family help make plans and set goals about services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Economic Services?								
15. Does Economic Services do good work?								
16. Overall, has Economic Services helped you?								

## HRSA—MHD (Mental Health Division)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with the Division of Mental Health, the division that helps pay for counseling, medication, and other mental health services. Have you or a family member talked to someone at Mental Health or received services from Mental Health over the last two years?

## [If initially denies Mental Health contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Sometimes people get services through some other agency and don't know these services came from Mental Health. Let me tell you what kinds of services you may have received:

- You may have talked to a counselor or gone with someone in your family to talk to a counselor.
- You may have had a mental health assessment or received some treatment or medication.
- You may have had a hospitalization related to mental health issues.

Have you or a family member had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by the Mental Health Division?

#### Denies MHD Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with Mental Health over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the Mental Health office?								
4. Is the Mental Health office open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get services from Mental Health?								
<ol> <li>Do you know what Mental Health services there are for you or your family member?</li> </ol>								
5a. When you call Mental Health, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did Mental Health staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you or your family member get services as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Mental Health staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you or your family members treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you or your family member listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you or your family member understand your needs?								
12. Did you and your family have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you and your family help make plans and set goals about mental health services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Mental Health services?								
15. Does Mental Health do good work?								
16. Overall, has Mental Health helped you and your family?								

## DCS (Division of Child Support)-Non Custodial Parent

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with the Division of Child Support, also known as Support Enforcement. The Division of Child Support enforces and collects court orders or administrative orders about child support. You could be involved with Child Support because you have a child that lives with someone else and you send support money for that child. I'd like to ask about your interactions with the Division of Child Support.

[If denies DCS contact or is unsure] OK. Have you sent money to support a child who doesn't live with you?

- Division of Child Support collects money from one parent and sends it to whoever has custody of the child.
- Or they sometimes collect money to repay the State for supporting a child.
- You also could have had contact with Division of Child Support because they tried to help you get child support payments or tried to get you to pay child support.

#### [If they still deny DCS interaction]

#### Denies DCS Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with the Division of Child Support over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Appl
1. SKIP— Select DOES NOT APPLY								
<ol> <li>If you had to go to the DCS office, is it easy to get to Child Support offices and facilities? [If they have not gone to a DCS office, select N/A]</li> </ol>								
4. If you called or had to go to the DCS office, is the office open at times that are good for you? [If they have not called or gone to a DCS office, select N/A]								
<ol><li>If you need help from Division of Child Support, is it easy to get that help? [If they have not needed help from DCS, select N/A]</li></ol>								
5a. If you call Child Support, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to? [If they have not called a DCS office, select N/A]								
<ol><li>If you called DCS, did Child Support staff return your calls within 24 hours? [If they have not called a DCS office, select N/A]</li></ol>								
<ol><li>When you asked for help, did you get it as quickly as you needed? [if they never asked for help, select N/A]</li></ol>								
6a. If you asked, did Child Support staff explain the specific actions taken in your case?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Child Support staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did Child Support staff treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did Child Support staff listen to what you had to say?								
11. SKIP— Select DOES NOT APPLY								
12. SKIP— Select DOES NOT APPLY								
13. SKIP— Select DOES NOT APPLY								
14. Are you satisfied with Child Support services?								
15. Does Division of Child Support do good work?								
16. Overall, has Division of Child Support helped the child/children you support?								

## [Go to next program. These are in preferred selection order – choose TOPMOST agency applicable.]

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## DCS (Division of Child Support)—Custodial Parent or Both

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with the Division of Child Support, the division that enforces and collects court orders or administrative orders about child support. The Division of Child Support is also known as Support Enforcement. You could be involved with Child Support because you have a child that lives with you and you get support money for that child from another parent. I'd like to ask about your interactions with the Division of Child Support.

**[If denies DCS contact or is unsure]** OK. Have you received money from a child's parent to help support a child who lives with you? Or have you sent money to support a child that lives somewhere else?

- Division of Child Support collects money from one parent and sends it to whoever has custody of the child.
- You also could have had contact with Division of Child Support because they tried to help you get child support payments.

#### [If they still deny DCS interaction]

#### Denies DCS Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with the Division of Child Support over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. If you had to go to the DCS office, is it easy to get to Child Support offices and facilities?								
4. If you had to go to the DCS office, is the office open at times that are good for you?								
<ol><li>If you need help from Division of Child Support, is it easy to get that help? [if they have not needed help from DCS, select N/A]</li></ol>								
1. Do you know what Child Support services there are for you and your family?								
5a. If you call Division of Child Support, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to? [if they have not called DCS office, select N/A]								
<ol> <li>If you called DCS, did Child Support staff return your calls within 24 hours? [if they have not called DCS office, select N/A]</li> </ol>								
6. When you asked for help, did you get it as quickly as you needed? [if they never asked for help, select N/A]								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Child Support staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did Child Support staff treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did Child Support staff listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did Child Support staff understand your needs?								
12. SKIP—Select DOES NOT APPLY								
13. SKIP—Select DOES NOT APPLY								
14. Are you satisfied with Child Support services?								
15. Does Division of Child Support do good work?								
16. Overall, has Division of Child Support helped your family?								

## HRSA—DASA (Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with the Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse, the division that helps pay for assessment and treatment related to alcohol and other drugs. Have you talked to someone at DASA or received services from DASA over the last two years?

#### [If initially denies DASA contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Sometimes people get services through some other agency and don't know these services came from DASA. Let me tell you what kinds of services you may have received:

- You may have talked to a counselor or gone to a drug or alcohol treatment group.
- You may have had an assessment to see if you have any problems with alcohol or drugs.
- You may have received some other type of drug or alcohol treatment or medication.
- You may have gone to an inpatient drug and alcohol treatment program.

Unless you paid for this kind of service entirely by yourself or got it at the VA, the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse probably contributed money for your care. Is it possible that you might have had drug or alcohol services paid for or partly paid for by the Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse?

### Denies DASA Contact

I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the agency where you get drug and alcohol treatment services?								
4. Is the Drug and Alcohol office open at times that are good for you?								
2. Is it easy to get Drug and Alcohol treatment services?								
<ol> <li>Do you know what Drug and Alcohol treatment services there are for you and your family?</li> </ol>								
5a. When you call DASA, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did Drug and Alcohol staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. Did you get services as quickly as you needed?								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?								
8. Did Drug and Alcohol staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you understand your needs?								
12. Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you help make plans and set goals about services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Drug and Alcohol services?								
15. Does Drug and Alcohol services do good work?								
16. Overall, have Drug and Alcohol services helped you?								

## CA (Children's Administration)

First/Now I'd like to ask you about your experience with Child and Family Services, the division that provides social services to children and families, such as helping families with run-away or difficult teens, looking into reports of child abuse or neglect, or providing child care, foster care and adoption support. Have you talked to someone at Children's Services or received services from Children's Services over the last two years?

#### [If initially denies CA contact, go on with this explanation before you mark "Denies contact."]

Sometimes people get services through some other agency and don't know these services came from Child and Family Services. Let me tell you what kinds of services you may have received:

- A social worker may have talked to people in your family about your family situation or about some possible reports of abuse or neglect.
- Someone may have looked into possible child abuse or neglect involving you or your child—even if that possible abuse happened at school, daycare, or somewhere else.
- You may have received help in dealing with conflicts with a teenager.
- Someone in your family may have received some kind of counseling, parenting training, or other training.
- A child may have received child care because of special needs or because the parent is a teenager or a seasonal worker.
- Your child may have been placed in foster care or been involved in an adoption.
- The services you got may have been called CPS (which stands for Child Protective Services), DCFS, Family Reconciliation Service, Child Welfare Services—or they may have been provided by a local agency.

Have you had any services like that in the past two years? Is it possible that these services may have been sponsored by Children's Administration?

[If parent does not know whether child has had any services and/or is not personally familiar with these services, try to find out whether there is another family member or decision-maker who is more familiar.

Get GOOD name, address, and phone numbers. We may replace this respondent with a more knowledgeable one]

Denies CA Contact

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I'd like to ask some questions about your experiences with Child and Family Services over the past two years. For each question please give one of these 5 answers: Strong Yes, Yes, Neutral, No, or Strong No.

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
3. Is it easy to get to the Child and Family Services office?								
4. Is the Child and Family Services office open at times that are good for you?								
<ol> <li>If you need help from Child and Family Services is it easy to get that help? [if they have not needed help from Child and Family Services select N/A]</li> </ol>								
1. Do you know what Child and Family services there are for your family?								
5a. When you call Child and Family Services, is it easy to get to a live person when you need to?								
5. Did Child and Family Services staff return your calls within 24 hours?								
6. When you asked for help, did you get it as quickly as you needed? [if they never asked for help, select N/A]								
7. Was it easy to get the information you needed about Child and Family Services?								
8. Did Child and Family Services staff explain things clearly?								
9. Did staff who helped you treat you with courtesy and respect?								
10. Did staff who helped you listen to what you had to say?								
11. Did staff who helped you understand your needs?								
12. Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?								
13. Did you help make plans and set goals about services?								
14. Are you satisfied with Child and Family Services?								
15. Does Child and Family Services do good work?								
16. Overall, has Child and Family Services helped your family?								

## CONCLUDING QUESTIONS

### Clients receiving services from TWO (2) programs ONLY:

We have talked about services you get from two DSHS programs. [name Program 1, name Program 2]

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
Thinking of both programs together, has DSHS done good work?								

#### Clients receiving services from THREE or more (3+) programs ONLY:

We have talked about services you get from these DSHS programs—[name Program 1, name Program 2, name Program 3, etc.]

	Strong YES!	Yes	Neutral	No	Strong NO!	Don't Know	Refuse	Does Not Apply
Does DSHS make sure all your services work well together?								
Do the staff from your different DSHS programs work together as a team to try to help you get the services you need?								
Thinking of all the programs together, has DSHS done good work?								

## **CONCLUDING QUESTIONS—ALL Participants**

Have you ever used the Internet to find out about or apply for DSHS services?

- 🛛 Yes
- 🗆 No

Would you like to use the Internet to find out about or apply for DSHS services in the future?

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- Other

Put comments here if they make them (include why not, if they volunteer)

Where do you usually access the Internet for personal business? [Choose ONE-most often]

- □ I do not have access to the Internet
- □ Home
- □ Work
- □ Friend or family member's home
- □ Library or community center
- Other

Explain "Other" or other applicable comments

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Now we want to ask you two questions about what DSHS does well and how they can improve.

In the past 2 years, has there been a time when you felt that DSHS staff treated you unfairly because of your race, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disabilities?

Yes
No

Please specify for "Other":

\*Placement of this question was changed in 2007 due to U.S. Census Bureau recommendations.

### **APPENDIX D—Survey Instrument**

In your opinion was the unfair treatment because of: [Read options. They can choose more than one.]

- Your Race?
  Your Culture? [Don't choose if the same as race]
  Age?
  Gender?
  Sexual Orientation?
  Disabilities?
- ☐ Other

Could you please tell us about the unfair treatment?

Since July 2007, which Washington State county have you (the client) lived in the longest? **Please specify** for "Other" (City, State if outside WA):

Thank you for your time and cooperation. We are done with the survey questions. If you have any additional comments or questions about this survey or DSHS, I can note them now.

[Remember to verify ADDRESS for folks using 5 OR MORE SERVICES to send gift card.]

# Appendix E | Weighting



#### Weighting

Clients' responses were weighted according to each client's service profile (the specific combination of services that the client used), so that the final weighted sample reflects the service usage of all DSHS clients. This survey analysis used two different weighting schemes:

- 1. Using all survey respondents—used for all analyses looking only at 2009 survey data
- Using all survey respondents except those selected from Child Support clients—used for all comparisons with previous surveys (since previous surveys did not include both custodial and non-custodial clients chosen from the Child Support caseload)

**Weighting Scheme 1—Including Child Support**, **both custodial and non-custodial** The table below shows weighting for the combination of programs utilized in the left-hand column. For example, the highlighted row of the chart (AEM) shows that 52 clients in the completed sample used Aging and Disability, Economic, and Medical Assistance Services (4.2728% of the 1,217 completed surveys). In the total population of all DSHS clients in fiscal year 2008<sup>1</sup>, 20,277 (1.0334% of the total) used this combination of services. The responses of the 52 survey respondents were weighted by a factor of .2418. Thus, in the weighted sample 12.5762 of the 1,217 respondents utilized the combination of Aging and Disability, Economic, and Medical Services – comprising 1.0334% of the sample population. The proportion of clients with this service profile in the weighted sample equals the proportion with this service profile in the overall DSHS population.

Programs	SAMP_N	SAMP_PC	POP_N <sup>1</sup>	POP_PC	WT	WT_N	PROGRAMS: A: ADSA—LTC (HCS & RCS)
ACEHMSX	1	0.0822%	44	0.0022%	0.0273	0.0273	C: Children's Administration
ACEM	1	0.0822%	155	0.0079%	0.0961	0.0961	D: Developmental Disabilities
ACEMX	1	0.0822%	23	0.0012%	0.0143	0.0143	E: Economic Services
ADEHMS	1	0.0822%	54	0.0028%	0.0335	0.0335	H: Mental Health M: Medical Assistance
ADEM	2	0.1643%	341	0.0174%	0.1057	0.2115	S: Alcohol & Substance
ADHM	1	0.0822%	269	0.0137%	0.1668	0.1668	Abuse V: Vocational Rehabilitation
ADHMS	2	0.1643%	70	0.0036%	0.0217	0.0434	Z: Child Support - Custodial
ADHMV	1	0.0822%	12	0.0006%	0.0074	0.0074	X: Child Support-Non- custodial
ADM	4	0.3287%	902	0.0460%	0.1399	0.5594	
ADMV	1	0.0822%	69	0.0035%	0.0428	0.0428	SAMP_N: Number of clients who completed
AEHM	22	1.8077%	5682	0.2896%	0.1602	3.5241	survey using this
AEHMS	17	1.3969%	2965	0.1511%	0.1082	1.8389	combination of programs
AEHMSV	1	0.0822%	152	0.0077%	0.0943	0.0943	SAMP_PC: Percentage of
AEHMSX	2	0.1643%	288	0.0147%	0.0893	0.1786	the clients who completed the survey using this
AEHMZ	2	0.1643%	349	0.0178%	0.1082	0.2165	combination of programs
AEM	52	4.2728%	20277	1.0334%	0.2418	12.5762	POP_N: Number of clients
AEMS	1	0.0822%	227	0.0116%	0.1408	0.1408	in FY2008 using this
AEMV	1	0.0822%	200	0.0102%	0.1240	0.1240	combination of programs
AEMX	1	0.0822%	299	0.0152%	0.1854	0.1854	
AEMZ	1	0.0822%	981	0.0500%	0.6084	0.6084	POP_PC: Percentage of FY2004 clients using this
AHM	7	0.5752%	6409	0.3266%	0.5679	3.9750	combination of programs
AHMS	2	0.1643%	512	0.0261%	0.1588	0.3176	WT: Weight to produce N of
AHMV	2	0.1643%	68	0.0035%	0.0211	0.0422	1,217 with program
AHMZ	1	0.0822%	84	0.0043%	0.0521	0.0521	distribution equal to population program
AM	47	3.8620%	26624	1.3568%	0.3513	16.5127	distribution (adjusted for
С	20	1.6434%	68592	3.4956%	2.1271	42.5420	empty cells)
CDEHM	1	0.0822%	285	0.0145%	0.1768	0.1768	WT_N: Number using this
CDEHMSZ	1	0.0822%	6	0.0003%	0.0037	0.0037	combination of programs after applying WT
CDEHMZ	1	0.0822%	25	0.0013%	0.0155	0.0155	, 5
CDEM	3	0.2465%	1243	0.0633%	0.2570	0.7709	
CDEMX	1	0.0822%	40	0.0020%	0.0248	0.0248	
CDEMZ	1	0.0822%	48	0.0024%	0.0298	0.0298	
CDHMV	2	0.1643%	16	0.0008%	0.0050	0.0099	

1 Includes the 99.05% of the DSHS population in survey-eligible groups (including DCS clients) whose service profile was represented in the client survey sample.

### APPENDIX E—Weighting

Programs	SAMP_N	SAMP_PC	POP_N	POP_PC	WT	WT_N
CDM	6	0.4930%	1601	0.0816%	0.1655	0.9930
CE	5	0.4108%	3689	0.1880%	0.4576	2.2880
CEHM	12	0.9860%	7727	0.3938%	0.3994	4.7924
CEHMS	1	0.0822%	829	0.0422%	0.5142	0.5142
CEHMSVZ	2	0.1643%	57	0.0029%	0.0177	0.0354
CEHMSX	1	0.0822%	503	0.0256%	0.3120	0.3120
CEHMSZ	8	0.6574%	1417	0.0722%	0.1099	0.8788
CEHMV	1	0.0822%	65	0.0033%	0.0403	0.0403
CEHMVX	2	0.1643%	45	0.0023%	0.0140	0.0279
CEHMX	2	0.1643%	563	0.0287%	0.1746	0.3492
CEHMZ	9	0.7395%	2254	0.1149%	0.1553	1.3980
CEHSZ	1	0.0822%	13	0.0007%	0.0081	0.0081
CEM	12	0.9860%	42775	2.1799%	2.2108	26.5298
CEMS	2	0.1643%	1651	0.0841%	0.5120	1.0240
CEMSV	1	0.0822%	14	0.0007%	0.0087	0.0087
CEMSVZ	1	0.0822%	41	0.0021%	0.0254	0.0254
CEMSX	6	0.4930%	1292	0.0658%	0.1336	0.8013
CEMSZ	16	1.3147%	2832	0.1443%	0.1098	1.7565
CEMX	6	0.4930%	2477	0.1262%	0.2560	1.5363
CEMZ	17	1.3969%	11288	0.5753%	0.4118	7.0010
CESX	2	0.1643%	314	0.0160%	0.0974	0.1947
CEV	1	0.0822%	22	0.0011%	0.0136	0.0136
CEX	4	0.3287%	1840	0.0938%	0.2853	1.1412
CEZ	3	0.2465%	2892	0.1474%	0.5979	1.7937
CHM	4	0.3287%	4577	0.2333%	0.7097	2.8387
CHMZ	1	0.0822%	116	0.0059%	0.0719	0.0719
CHVZ	1	0.0822%	3	0.0002%	0.0019	0.0019
CM	7	0.5752%	23899	1.2180%	2.1175	14.8226
CMSX	1	0.0822%	114	0.0058%	0.0707	0.0707
CMV	1	0.0822%	75	0.0038%	0.0465	0.0465
CS	1	0.0822%	494	0.0252%	0.3064	0.3064
CSX	1	0.0822%	377	0.0192%	0.2338	0.2338
CSZ	1	0.0822%	136	0.0069%	0.0843	0.0843
CV	1	0.0822%	112	0.0057%	0.0695	0.0695
CVZ	1	0.0822%	34	0.0017%	0.0211	0.0211
CX	6	0.4930%	8803	0.4486%	0.9100	5.4598
CZ	8	0.6574%	8202	0.4180%	0.6359	5.0870
D	24	1.9721%	8698	0.4433%	0.2248	5.3947
DE	1	0.0822%	137	0.0070%	0.0850	0.0850
DEHM	7	0.5752%	1757	0.0895%	0.1557	1.0897
DEHMV	1	0.0822%	278	0.0142%	0.1724	0.1724
DEHMX	1	0.0822%	25	0.0013%	0.0155	0.0155
DEM	20	1.6434%	7532	0.3839%	0.2336	4.6715
DEMV	7	0.5752%	540	0.0275%	0.0478	0.3349
DEMVZ	1	0.0822%	28	0.0014%	0.0174	0.0174
DEMZ	1	0.0822%	121	0.0062%	0.0750	0.0750
DEX	1	0.0822%	5	0.0003%	0.0031	0.0031
DHM	5	0.4108%	1435	0.0731%	0.1780	0.8900
DM	34	2.7938%	11967	0.6099%	0.2183	7.4221
DMV	6	0.4930%	1133	0.0577%	0.1171	0.7027
DMZ	1	0.0822%	62	0.0032%	0.0385	0.0385
DV	4	0.3287%	186	0.0095%	0.0288	0.1154
E	33	2.7116%	129612	6.6054%	2.4360	80.3877
EH	2	0.1643%	1690	0.0861%	0.5241	1.0482
EHM	45	3.6976%	33752	1.7201%	0.4652	20.9336
EHMS	16	1.3147%	6176	0.3147%	0.2394	3.8305
EHMSV	2	0.1643%	434	0.0221%	0.1346	0.2692
EHMSVX	1	0.0822%	104	0.0053%	0.0645	0.0645
EHMSVZ	1	0.0822%	79 1516	0.0040%	0.0490	0.0490
EHMSX	3	0.2465%	1516	0.0773%	0.3134	0.9403
EHMSZ	6	0.4930%	1665	0.0849%	0.1721	1.0327

Weighting Scheme 1— Including Clients Selected from Child Support Continued

Programs	SAMP_N	SAMP_PC	POP_N	POP_PC	WT	WT_N
EHMV	12	0.9860%	1873	0.0955%	0.0968	1.1617
EHMVZ	3	0.2465%	441	0.0225%	0.0912	0.2735
EHMX	3	0.2465%	2430	0.1238%	0.5024	1.5071
EHMZ	10	0.8217%	6617	0.3372%	0.4104	4.1040
EHS	1	0.0822%	280	0.0143%	0.1737	0.1737
EHV	1	0.0822%	55	0.0028%	0.0341	0.0341
EHVX	1	0.0822%	11	0.0006%	0.0068	0.0068
EHX	2	0.1643%	523	0.0267%	0.1622	0.3244
EM	102	8.3813%	451711	23.0205%	2.7467	280.1593
EMS	15	1.2325%	12572	0.6407%	0.5198	7.7974
EMSV	6	0.4930%	333	0.0170%	0.0344	0.2065
EMSVX	1	0.0822%	133	0.0068%	0.0825	0.0825
EMSX	9	0.7395%	4062	0.2070%	0.2799	2.5193
EMSZ	13	1.0682%	3942	0.2009%	0.1881	2.4449
EMV	15	1.2325%	3393	0.1729%	0.1403	2.1044
EMVX	3	0.2465%	449	0.0229%	0.0928	0.2785
EMVZ	3	0.2465%	828	0.0422%	0.1712	0.5135
EMX	16	1.3147%	13975	0.7122%	0.5417	8.6675
EMZ	36	2.9581%	65766	3.3516%	1.1330	40.7893
ES	3	0.2465%	2742	0.1397%	0.5669	1.7006
ESV	1	0.0822%	35	0.0018%	0.0217	0.0217
ESX	3	0.2465%	1132	0.0577%	0.2340	0.7021
EV	5	0.4108%	1166	0.0594%	0.1446	0.7232
EVZ	1	0.0822%	141	0.0072%	0.0875	0.0875
EX	7	0.5752%	16002	0.8155%	1.4178	9.9247
EZ	13	1.0682%	21178	1.0793%	1.0104	13.1350
Н	3	0.2465%	13118	0.6685%	2.7120	8.1360
HM	10	0.8217%	11309	0.5763%	0.7014	7.0140
HMS	2	0.1643%	823	0.0419%	0.2552	0.5104
HMV	5	0.4108%	487	0.0248%	0.0604	0.3020
HMZ	3	0.2465%	418	0.0213%	0.0864	0.2593
М	111	9.1208%	425383	21.6787%	2.3768	263.8302
MS	3	0.2465%	3091	0.1575%	0.6390	1.9171
MSV	1	0.0822%	31	0.0016%	0.0192	0.0192
MV	11	0.9039%	1424	0.0726%	0.0803	0.8832
MZ	8	0.6574%	12851	0.6549%	0.9963	7.9704
S	12	0.9860%	12192	0.6213%	0.6301	7.5617
SX	4	0.3287%	1815	0.0925%	0.2814	1.1257
V	25	2.0542%	7036	0.3586%	0.1746	4.3639
VX	4	0.3287%	406	0.0207%	0.0630	0.2518
VZ	1	0.0822%	372	0.0190%	0.2307	0.2307
×	87	7.1487%	214832	10.9485%	1.5315	133.2427
Z	60	4.9302%	165449	8.4318%	1.7102	102.6145

Weighting Scheme 1— Including Clients Selected from Child Support Continued

#### Weighting Scheme 2—Without Clients Selected from Child Support

This weighting scheme is used for any analyses that compare the current survey to previous surveys which did not include comparable groups of clients selected from child support.

Programs	SAMP_N	SAMP_PC	POP_N	POP_PC	WT	WT_N	DDOODANG
ACEHMS	1	0.1015%	256	0.0161%	0.1583	0.1583	PROGRAMS: A: ADSA— LTC (HCS &
ACEM	1	0.1015%	314	0.0197%	0.1941	0.1941	RCS)
ADEHMS	1	0.1015%	62	0.0039%	0.0383	0.0383	C: Children's Administration
ADEM	2	0.2030%	347	0.0218%	0.1073	0.2145	D: Developmental
ADHM	1	0.1015%	270	0.0169%	0.1669	0.1669	Disabilities E: Economic Services
ADHMS	2	0.2030%	72	0.0045%	0.0223	0.0445	H: Mental Health
ADHMV	1	0.1015%	13	0.0008%	0.0080	0.0080	<ul> <li>M: Medical Assistance</li> <li>S: Alcohol &amp; Substance</li> </ul>
ADM	4	0.4061%	903	0.0567%	0.1396	0.5583	Abuse
ADMV	1	0.1015%	69	0.0043%	0.0427	0.0427	V: Vocational Rehabilitation
AEHM	24	2.4365%	6155	0.3863%	0.1586	3.8054	SAMP_N: Number of
AEHMS	18	1.8274%	3590	0.2253%	0.1233	2.2195	clients who completed survey using this
AEHMSV	1	0.1015%	195	0.0122%	0.1206	0.1206	combination of programs
AEM	54	5.4822%	21557	1.3531%	0.2468	13.3278	SAMP_PC: Percentage of
AEMS	1	0.1015%	278	0.0174%	0.1719	0.1719	the clients who completed
AEMV	1	0.1015%	241	0.0151%	0.1490	0.1490	the survey using this combination of programs
AHM	8	0.8122%	6537	0.4103%	0.5052	4.0415	
AHMS	2	0.2030%	562	0.0353%	0.1737	0.3475	POP_N: Number of clients in FY2008 using this
AHMV	2	0.2030%	73	0.0046%	0.0226	0.0451	combination of programs
AM	47	4.7716%	26999	1.6947%	0.3552	16.6923	POP_PC: Percentage of
C	32	3.2487%	85597	5.3727%	1.6538	52.9210	FY2008 clients using this
CDEHM	2	0.2030%	331	0.0208%	0.1023	0.2046	combination of programs
CDEHMS	1	0.1015%	25	0.0016%	0.0155	0.0155	WT: Weight to produce N
CDEM	5	0.5076%	1331	0.0835%	0.1646	0.8229	of 985 with program distribution equal to
CDHMV	2	0.2030%	1551	0.0010%	0.0049	0.0099	population program
CDM	6	0.6091%	1623	0.1019%	0.1672	1.0034	distribution (Adjusted for empty cells)
CE	10	1.0152%	8421	0.5286%	0.5206	5.2063	
CEHM	22	2.2335%	10544	0.6618%	0.2963	6.5189	WT_N: Number using this combination of programs
CEHMS	10	1.0152%	2749	0.1725%	0.1700	1.6996	after applying WT
CEHMSV	2	0.2030%	90	0.0056%	0.0278	0.0556	
CEHMV	3	0.3046%	228	0.0143%	0.0270	0.1410	
CEHS	1	0.1015%	37	0.0023%	0.0229	0.0229	
CEM	30	3.0457%	56540	3.5489%	1.1652	34.9563	
CEMS	22	2.2335%	5775	0.3625%	0.1623	3.5704	
CEMSV	22	0.2030%	81	0.0051%	0.0250	0.0501	
CES	2	0.2030%	562	0.0353%	0.1737	0.3475	
CEV	1	0.1015%	61	0.0038%	0.0377	0.0377	
CHM	4	0.4061%	4751	0.2982%	0.7343	2.9373	
CHV	1	0.1015%	5	0.0003%	0.0031	0.0031	
CM	7	0.7107%	25530	1.6024%	2.2549	15.7841	
CMS	, 1	0.1015%	876	0.0550%	0.5416	0.5416	
CMV	1	0.1015%	97	0.0061%	0.0600	0.0600	
CS	3	0.3046%	1007	0.0632%	0.2075	0.6226	
CV	2	0.2030%	178	0.0112%	0.0550	0.1100	
D	24	2.4365%	8741	0.5486%	0.2252	5.4042	
DE	1	0.1015%	148	0.0093%	0.0915	0.0915	
DEHM	8	0.8122%	1820	0.1142%	0.1407	1.1252	
DEHMV	1	0.1015%	296	0.0186%	0.1830	0.1830	
DEM	21	2.1320%	7711	0.4840%	0.2270	4.7674	
	21	0.7107%	579	0.0363%	0.2270	0.3580	
DHM	5	0.5076%	1445	0.0907%	0.1787	0.8934	
DM	34	3.4518%	12054	0.7566%	0.2192	7.4525	
DMV	6	0.6091%	1139	0.0715%	0.2192	0.7042	
DITY	0	0.0001/0	1159	0.071070	0.11/4	0.7042	

2 Includes the 99.5% of the DSHS population (not including DCS clients) whose service profile was represented in the client survey sample.

Programs	SAMP_N	SAMP_PC	POP_N	POP_PC	WT	WT_N
DV	4	0.4061%	190	0.0119%	0.0294	0.1175
E	38	3.8579%	166792	10.4691%	2.7137	103.1204
EH	4	0.4061%	2427	0.1523%	0.3751	1.5005
EHM	52	5.2792%	42799	2.6864%	0.5089	26.4608
EHMS	23	2.3350%	9357	0.5873%	0.2515	5.7850
EHMSV	4	0.4061%	617	0.0387%	0.0954	0.3815
EHMV	15	1.5228%	2516	0.1579%	0.1037	1.5555
EHS	1	0.1015%	381	0.0239%	0.2356	0.2356
EHV	2	0.2030%	69	0.0043%	0.0213	0.0427
EM	123	12.4873%	531452	33.3578%	2.6713	328.5740
EMS	33	3.3503%	20576	1.2915%	0.3855	12.7213
EMSV	7	0.7107%	545	0.0342%	0.0481	0.3370
EMV	21	2.1320%	4670	0.2931%	0.1375	2.8873
ES	5	0.5076%	4159	0.2610%	0.5143	2.5713
ESV	1	0.1015%	56	0.0035%	0.0346	0.0346
EV	6	0.6091%	1530	0.0960%	0.1577	0.9459
Н	3	0.3046%	14302	0.8977%	2.9474	8.8423
НМ	13	1.3198%	11906	0.7473%	0.5662	7.3610
HMS	2	0.2030%	918	0.0576%	0.2838	0.5676
HMV	5	0.5076%	530	0.0333%	0.0655	0.3277
Μ	113	11.4721%	441143	27.6893%	2.4136	272.7398
MS	3	0.3046%	3606	0.2263%	0.7431	2.2294
MSV	1	0.1015%	38	0.0024%	0.0235	0.0235
MV	11	1.1168%	1543	0.0968%	0.0867	0.9540
S	14	1.4213%	14371	0.9020%	0.6346	8.8850
V	30	3.0457%	7814	0.4905%	0.1610	4.8311

Weighting Scheme 2— Without Clients Selected from Child Support Continued

# Appendix F | Responses by Client Sub-group



## Responses by Client Sub-Group (includes Child Support clients)

	Client	Gender	Clien	t Age	Ra	ace Ethni	city	Race	Differe	nces**
	Male	Female	Adult	Child	White	Other Minority	Hispanic	C-0	C-H	0-H
QUALITY AND HELPFULNESS						,				
Overall, do DSHS programs help you and your family?	88%	90%	84%	97%	87%	90%	93%		*	
Thinking of all the programs together, has DSHS done good work?	81%	86%	79%	93%	81%	85%	90%		*	
Does your DSHS program do good work?	82%	87%*	81%	91%	82%	85%	91%		*	
Are you satisfied with DSHS program services?	76%	79%	74%	85%*	75%	77%	86%		*	*
DSHS STAFF										
Do DSHS staff treat you with courtesy and respect?	89%	88%	86%	92%*	87%	90%	92%		*	
Do staff listen to what you have to say?	86%	89%	85%	93%*	86%	93%	91%	*		
Do staff understand your needs?	87%	86%	84%	91%*	83%	90%	93%	*	*	
ACCESS AND PROCESSES										
Are DSHS program offices open at times that are good for you?	89%	90%	89%	90%	90%	91%	88%			
Is it easy to get to the DSHS program office?	83%	85%	82%	88%*	84%	82%	86%			
Is it easy to get services from the DSHS program?	73%	73%	68%	82%	70%	72%	83%		*	*
Did you get services as quickly as you needed?	76%	72%	70%	80%*	73%	72%	78%			
When you call DSHS, is it easy to get a live person when you need to?	71%	68%	63%	79%	69%	69%	72%			
Do DSHS staff return your calls within 24 hours?	72%	71%	69%	76%*	74%	67%	70%			
INFORMATION										
Do you know what program services there are for you and your family?	68%	62%	64%	65%	65%	65%	62%			
Did program staff explain things clearly?	85%	85%	81%	91%	83%	87%	88%			
Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?	82%	82%	79%	86%*	80%	80%	89%		*	*
CLIENT INVOLVEMENT										
Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?	76%	74%	71%	79%*	75%	71%	79%			
Did you help make plans and set goals about services?	69%	70%	66%	74%*	69%	65%	74%			
COORDINATION										
Does DSHS make sure all your services work well together?	83%	71%*	74%	86%	71%	83%	85%	*	*	
Do the staff from your different DSHS programs work together as a team to try to help you get the services you need?	77%	72%	73%	78%	71%	77%	82%			

\* Statistically Significant Difference (p.<.05) \*\* Comparisons between various combinations of 2 groups: C = Caucasian (non-Hispanic); H = Hispanic; O = Other minority (non-Hispanic)

#### Summary of Client Sub-Group Trends

By Gender—Few statistically significant differences. By Client Age—On many questions, children's guardians reported more satisfaction than did adult respondents. By Race/Ethnicity—Hispanic clients were generally most satisfied.

# Appendix G | Responses by Program Sub-group



### Responses by Program Sub-Group (includes Child Support clients)

	Compl	eted By	Manda	atory***	Numbe	r Program	s Used	Dif	feren	ces
	Client	Other**	Yes	No	1 prgm	2 prgms	3 +	1-2	1-3	2-3
QUALITY AND HELPFULNESS										
Overall, do DSHS programs help you and your family?	83%	95%	78%	92%	87%	92%	88%	*		*
Thinking of all the programs together, has DSHS done good work?	78%	91%	72%	88%	84%	84%	84%			
Does your DSHS program do good work?	80%	90%*	72%	88%	84%	86%	83%			
Are you satisfied with DSHS program services?	72%	85%	68%	81%*	77%	78%	79%			
DSHS STAFF										
Do DSHS staff treat you with courtesy and respect?	86%	92%*	84%	90%*	88%	89%	88%			
Do staff listen to what you have to say?	84%	93%	82%	90%*	87%	90%	87%			
Do staff understand your needs?	82%	91%*	85%	87%	90%	85%	83%		*	
ACCESS AND PROCESSES										
Are DSHS program offices open at times that are good for you?	89%	89%	87%	90%	88%	91%	90%			
Is it easy to get to the DSHS program office?	81%	89%*	77%	86%*	84%	85%	85%			
Is it easy to get services from the DSHS program?	67%	81%	62%	76%*	74%	73%	73%			
Did you get services as quickly as you needed?	69%	80%*	67%	76%*	75%	72%	73%			
When you call DSHS, is it easy to get a live person when you need to?	62%	79%	62%	71%*	71%	68%	69%			
Do DSHS staff return your calls within 24 hours?	67%	77%*	66%	73%	75%	68%	69%			
INFORMATION										
Do you know what program services there are for you and your family?	63%	65%	61%	65%	62%	65%	69%			
Did program staff explain things clearly?	81%	90%	79%	87%*	85%	85%	85%			
Was it easy to get the information you needed about services?	78%	86%*	78%	83%	83%	81%	79%			
CLIENT INVOLVEMENT	600/	000/*	700/	760/	700/	720/	710/		*	
Did you have a say in what kind of services you get?	69%	80%*	70%	76%	79%	73%	71%		*	
Did you help make plans and set goals about services?	65%	74%*	73%	69%	72%	66%	72%			
COORDINATION										
Does DSHS make sure all your services work well together?	5 72%	87%*	77%	76%			76%			
Do the staff from your different DSHS programs work together as a team to try to help you get the services you need?	72%	81%	72%	76%			74%			

\* Statistically Significant Difference (p.<.05)</li>
 \*\* Client Representative
 \*\* Mandatory programs are Children's Administration and Division of Child Support services for non-custodial parents

#### Summary of Client Sub-Group Trends

By Status of Respondent-In general, those who responded on behalf of children or incapacitated clients were more satisfied with access and specific program services than were client respondents. By Nature of Program—Participants in voluntary (rather than mandatory) programs were more likely to indicate

satisfaction on all questions concerning quality and staff.

By Number of Programs—Few statistically significant differences.

# Appendix H | Themes from Narrative Questions: Detail and Glossary



## Number of Positive, Negative, or Neutral Comments by Theme

NEEDS WORK	Ν	EUTRAL/M	IXED		GOOD WORK
QUALITY/HELP					
DSHS di	d/didn't help	55			530
Specific pr	ogram quality	39		34	2
STAFF					
Staff courtesy	/respect 83		160		
Staff listens/	understands	51 45			
Other staff c	omments 74	4	144		
Specific	staff members	4	24		
Need	l more staff	59 0			
	Providers	37 6			
SERVICE DELIVERY					
Access	175		58		
Process 316			114		
	Diversity	17 📕 4			
Inform	mation 104		80		
	Coordination	44 3			
RESOURCES					
I	More programs	33 0			
More mo	oney/benefits	51 2			
More medical/den	tal benefits	69 0			
Mor	e providers	68 0			

## **Response Glossary: Themes Identified in Open-ended Questions**

QUALITY/HELP	Typical Response Example
DSHS Helped	DSHS has helped me/my family; good service overall; grateful for help; appreciative; likes DSHS
DSHS Didn't Help	DSHS didn't help; didn't like dealing with DSHS; must deal with DSHS to get benefits/services
Specific Program Quality	Named a specific program or an office (such as "Kent CSO") that helped/didn't help; likes program/should change program
STAFF	
Staff Courtesy/Respect	Compliments/complaints regarding staff courtesy, respect, attitude, sensitivity
Staff Listens/Understands	Staff listens; is/isn't attentive; gets input from clients; includes clients in decision-making/planning
Other Staff Comments	Staff's responsiveness, flexibility, knowledge, professionalism, etc.
Specific Staff Members	Named a specific staff member who helped/didn't help
Need More Staff	Need more staff; reduce turnover; lower caseloads
Providers	Providers are good/bad; helpful/not helpful; other comments about medical providers, care providers, etc.

#### SERVICE DELIVERY

ACCESS	
Phone/Staff Access	Ability to reach staff members; phone access, voicemail, e-mail; return calls; call centers
Office Location/Hours	Ease in getting to programs/services; office hours; transportation; physical condition of office(s)
Appointment Processes	Intake system; long/short waits to be seen; scheduling appointments; appointment notification; phone interviews/online communications
PROCESSES	
General Processes	Compliments/complaints about efficiency, bureaucracy, errors, rules; need to take individuals into account (one size doesn't fit all)
Specific Processes	Compliments/complaints about specific processes; example: "JRA should alphabetize their client lists"
Eligibility Processes	Good/bad process of eligibility; distribution of benefits; rules/requirements concerning eligibility; flexibility/inflexibility of process; easy or difficult to get approved for services
Paperwork Processes	Compliments/complaints about paperwork/forms/applications
Timeliness of Services	Length of time to get services; waiting lists; includes length of time for eligibility determination
DIVERSITY	
Diversity	Compliments about treating all groups equally; complaints about preference for specific groups
INFORMATION	
General Information	Information from staff about clients, programs or eligibility; answers to questions; clear/unclear explanations; lists of services; notification of new programs/services, events and due dates
Language Services	Need more interpreters, DSHS bilingual staff or native English- speakers; grateful for available language services
COORDINATION	
Coordination between Programs	Good/poor coordination between DSHS programs, offices; includes coordination with other helping agencies
Coordination between Workers	Good/poor coordination between DSHS workers; good/poor teamwork; need a single worker rather than many; workers' instructions differ or overlap
RESOURCES	
More Programs	Don't cut/expand certain programs; DSHS needs better funding; pay
5	providers more; grateful for funded program
More Money/Benefits	providers more; grateful for funded program Need more/don't cut hours or benefits; grateful for available hours/benefits
More Money/Benefits More Medical/Dental Benefits	Need more/don't cut hours or benefits; grateful for available hours/benefits Don't cut/expand medical, dental or mental health services; need
	Need more/don't cut hours or benefits; grateful for available hours/benefits Don't cut/expand medical, dental or mental health services; need
More Medical/Dental Benefits	<ul> <li>Need more/don't cut hours or benefits; grateful for available hours/benefits</li> <li>Don't cut/expand medical, dental or mental health services; need medical equipment/procedures; grateful for available funding/benefits</li> <li>Need more medical, dental, mental health, vision or pharmacy providers who take coupons; difficult to find a provider; grateful for</li> </ul>

#### **Narrative Comments Report**

1,149 of 1,217 Respondents Made Comments

Don't Know

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DK

		То	otal	Good Work		Needs Work		Mixed or Neutral	
MAJOR THEMES AND SUBTH	IEMES <sup>1</sup>	# <sup>2</sup>	% of All <sup>3</sup>	# <sup>2</sup>	%	# <sup>2</sup>	%	# <sup>2</sup>	%
Quality/Help		765	66.6%	661	86%	76	10%	28	4%
DSHS Helped	Н	457	39.8%	457	100%				
DSHS Didn't Help	HD	33	2.9%			33	100%		
Things are OK	НО	54	4.7%	54	100%				
Nothing	HN	135	11.7%	108	80%	27	20%	0	0%
Specific Program Quality	HS	399	34.7%	342	86%	39	10%	18	5%
Staff		498	43.3%	242	49%	202	41%	54	11%
Staff Courtesy	SC	253	22.0%	160	63%	83	33%	10	4%
Staff Listens/Understands	SL	98	8.5%	45	46%	51	52%	2	2%
Other Staff Comments	SO	229	19.9%	144	63%	74	32%	11	5%
Specific Staff	SP	28	2.4%	24	86%	4	14%	0	0%
Need More Staff	SN	59	5.1%			59	100%		
Providers	SX	45	3.9%	6	13%	37	82%	2	4%
Process/Access		631	54.9%	133	21%	427	68%	71	11%
ACCESS		250	21.8%	58	23%	175	70%	17	7%
Phone/Staff Access	AP	134	11.7%	33	25%	94	70%	7	5%
Location/Hours	AL	61	5.3%	16	26%	43	70%	2	3%
Appointment Process	AA	90	7.8%	21	23%	63	70%	6	7%
PROCESS		462	40.2%	114	25%	316	68%	32	7%
Process - General	PR	98	8.5%	31	32%	66	67%	1	1%
Process - Specific	PS	168	14.6%	50	30%	104	62%	14	8%
Paperwork	PP	31	2.7%	3	10%	28	90%	0	0%
Process - Timeliness	PT	104	9.1%	48	46%	53	51%	3	3%
Eligibility	PE	161	14.0%	19	12%	137	85%	5	3%
DIVERSITY		21	1.8%	4	19%	17	81%	0	0%
Diversity/Preference	DV	21	1.8%	4	19%	17	81%	0	0%
Information		196	17.1%	80	41%	104	53%	12	6%
Information - General	IN	174	15.1%	75	43%	89	51%	10	6%
Language Services	IL	24	2.1%	6	25%	17	71%	1	4%
Coordination		47	4.1%	3	6%	44	94%	0	0%
Between Programs	СР	35	3.0%	1	3%	34	97%	0	0%
Between Workers	CW	16	1.4%	2	13%	14	88%	0	0%
Resources		199	17.3%	1	1%	192	96%	6	3%
More Programs	RP	35	3.0%	0	0%	33	94%	2	6%
More Money/Benefits	RB	55	4.8%	2	4%	51	93%	2	4%
More Medical/Dental Benefits	RM	69	6.0%	0	0%	69	100%	0	0%
More Providers	RC	69	6.0%	0	0%	68	99%	1	1%
Other		191	16.6%	38	20%	27	14%	126	66%
Other/Miscellaneous	0	140	12.2%	38	27%	27	19%	75	54%

<sup>1</sup>Major themes (in blue rows) and secondary themes (in italics) are rollups of the subthemes listed immediately below. They are unduplicated not the total of the numbers below. For example, a single person who made "Good Work" comments in "Staff Courtesy" and "Specific Staff" is counted only once in the "Staff" row. Likewise, a person who has a "Good Work" comment in the "Staff Courtesy" row and a "Needs Work" comment in the "Specific Staff" row would be counted as a "Mixed" comment in the "Staff" row.

4.7%

 $^{2}$ All # columns show how many **persons** made any mention of this theme. Multiple comments on the same theme by a single person are only counted once in the row for that theme. A single person may make both "Satisfied" and "Needs Work" comments on the same theme - that person will be counted in the "Neutral or Mixed" column.

<sup>3</sup>Respondents who commented on this theme as a percentage of the total number of respondents who made narrative comments.

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100%

All DSHS Clients • Unweighted Data



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