HSAC Needs Assessment



Purpose

The State of New Jersey's Department of Children and Families (DCF) is committed to ensuring that all New Jersey residents are safe, healthy and connected. To do this, DCF partners with communities in each county to undertake an assessment of <u>local strengths and needs of families with children</u>. The goal of this assessment is to collect information to ensure the right mix of services and activities are available in every community. The following questionnaire should take approximately twenty-five minutes to complete and it will assist in helping families and meeting community needs. All information will be kept confidential. Please note that although you may find the items repetitive in Section B, this is by design. Please consider each item for each Need Area (e.g., housing, food, etc.) Thank you for your time.

Section A. Demographic Information

County Name	
Date:	What is your ethnicity?
How old are you?	O Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origins
O Under 18	O Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origins
O 18 - 24	Which is your employment status?
0 25 - 34	O Employed - full time
0 35 - 44	O Employed - part time
0 45 - 54	Unemployed - looking for work
O 55 - 64	O Unemployed - not looking for work
${\sf O}$ 65 and over	Retired
What is your gender?	O Student
O Female	O Self-employed
O Male	O Unable to Work
O Non-binary, third gender/transgender	What is used bighted a duration lovel?
O Prefer not to say	What is your highest education level?
O Other (fill-in)	 High school- Non-graduate
What is your race?	High school– Graduate or GED
 American Indian or Alaska Native 	High school/GED and some post-secondary
Asian	O 2- or 4-year college graduate
O Black or African American	O Graduate or other post-secondary school
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
O White or Caucasian	
O Multi-race (two or more of the previous)	
O Other (fill-in)	

Demographic Section (continue)

What is your role in the community?

Ο	I live in the county
0	I work in the county as a staff member or volunteer with a community-based organization
~	(e.g., Health and Human Services providers, Planning Board Participants)
O	I work in the county as staff member or volunteer with a public service organization
~	(e.g., paramedics, fire fighter, police officers, air force, judges)
0	I am a local business owner who sells goods or services in this county
C	, I act in the role of community leader and advocate in the county (e.g., hold a volunteer office, clergy, activist)
	Other

Which municipality do you consider yourself a resident or community member of (you may write in all that apply)?

Have you or someone in your household accessed services within the past two years? (Services could include, but are not limited to, case management support, community center support, job training, soup kitchens, shelters, welfare services, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, youth services or others.)

Ο	Yes	
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O No

O Prefer Not to Say

Have you or someone in your household had DCF Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) involvement?

O Yes

O No

O Prefer Not to Say

How many years have you been a resident or member of a community in this county?

Section B. Understanding Needs and Services of Families with Children

Housing Directions: Indicate the degree to which	agree with each statement.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in	the county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access services.		0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and kno	wn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnic	ity and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet to (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable a	and provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that	make it difficult to address this need in th	e county. l	Mark all 1	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 				low)
 Too expensive 		Other	(explain be	elow)		

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to housing?

Food Directions: Indicate the degree to which ag	gree with each statement.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in the	ne county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access se	ervices.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	n by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity	and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable an	d provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that m	ake it difficult to address this need in the	county. N	Mark all t	hat ap	ply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider Too expensive 	 I Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) Other (explain below) 				

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to food?

Health Care Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	
1. There are enough services available in	the county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0	
2. Anyone in the county is able to access	services.	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Services are widely advertised and kno	wn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.			0	0	0	0	
5. Facilities that provide service to meet t (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0	
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable a	and provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0	
Directions: Consider the barriers that	make it difficult to address this need in th	e county. I	Mark all t	hat ap	oply.		
 2 Wait Lists 2 Services do not exist 2 Transportation 2 Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	-	i Leads to ity Requir			ilow)	
I Too expensive		Other	(explain be	elow)			

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to health care?

Community Safety Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.			Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in t	he county to help those who have this need.	0	Ο	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access s	ervices.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	vn by the county.	0	0	0	0	Ο
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicit	y and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable a	nd provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that n	nake it difficult to address this need in the	county. I	Mark all 1	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider Too expensive 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	Iligibil	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 			

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to community safety?

Employment and Career Se Directions: Indicate the degree to which		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in	the county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access	services.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and kno	own by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.			0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet (e.g., clean, well supplied).	this need are of good quality	0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable	and provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that	make it difficult to address this need in th	e county.	Mark all	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider 	 I Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	-	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 			
I Too expensive		Other	(explain be	elow)		

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **Employment and Career Services**

Child Care Directions: Indicate the degree to which ag	gree with each statement.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in the	ne county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access se	ervices.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	n by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.		0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable ar	nd provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that m	nake it difficult to address this need in the	county. N	Mark all t	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider Too expensive 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	 county. Mark all that apply. Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) Other (explain below) 				low)

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to child care?

Services: Families Caring for a Child of a Relative Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in	the county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access	services.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and kno	wn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.		0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet (e.g., clean, well supplied).	this need are of good quality	0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable a	and provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that	make it difficult to address this need in th	e county. l	Mark all t	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	-	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 			
I Too expensive		Other	(explain be	elow)		

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **services for kin or family** caring for the child of a relative

Behavioral Health/Mental Hea Directions: Indicate the degree to which a		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in t	he county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access s	ervices.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	vn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicit	y and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable a	nd provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that r	nake it difficult to address this need in the	county. I	Mark all 1	that ap	oply.	
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 				
I Too expensive		Other	(explain be	elow)		

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **behavioral heath and/or mental health services for children**?

Behavioral Health/Mental Heal Directions: Indicate the degree to which a		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in the services are services available.	he county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access so	ervices.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	vn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicit	y and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable ar	nd provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that n	nake it difficult to address this need in the	county. N	Mark all t	hat ap	oply.	
 2 Wait Lists 2 Services do not exist 2 Transportation 2 Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	•	 I Stigma Leads to Avoidance I Eligibility Requirement (explain below) 			
 I Too expensive 		2 Other	(explain be	elow)		_

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **behavioral heath and/or mental health services for adults**?

Substance Use Disorder Services Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in the county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access services.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and known by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).	0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable and provide good customer service.	0	0	0	0	0

Directions: Consider the barriers that make it difficult to address this need in the county. Mark all that apply.

- 2 Wait Lists
- Services do not exist
- **2** Transportation
- Cannot contact the service provider
- I Too expensive
- I Lack of awareness of service
- Cultural Barriers
- Services provided are one-size
- r fits all, and don't meet individual needs
 - Istigma Leads to Avoidance
 - Substance Use Disorder

2 Eligibility Requirements (explain below)

- Availability of Substance Use Disorder Services for Adolescents
- **Optional:** Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **substance use disorder services?**

Domestic Violence Services Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.		Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	
1. There are enough services available in the county to help those who have this need.		0	0	0	0	
2. Anyone in the county is able to access services.		0	0	0	0	
3. Services are widely advertised and known by the county.		0	Ο	0	0	
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).		0	0	0	0	
 6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable and provide good customer service. 		0	0	0	0	
Directions: Consider the barriers that make it difficult to address this need in the county. Mark all that apply.						
 Wait Lists Services do not exist Transportation Cannot contact the service provider Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	•	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below 			low)	
 I Too expensive 		Other (explain below)				

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to **domestic violence ser-vices**?

Parenting Skills Services Directions: Indicate the degree to which a	agree with each statement.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in t	he county to help those who have this need.	0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access s	services.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and know	wn by the county.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicit	ty and more into account.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet the (e.g., clean, well supplied).	his need are of good quality	0	0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable and provide good customer service.		0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that make it difficult to address this need in the county. Mark all that apply.						
Wait Lists	Izack of awareness of service	Istigma Leads to Avoidance				

- Services do not exist
- ☑ Transportation

Services provided are one-size

Cultural Barriers

- 2 Cannot contact the service provider fits all, and don't meet individual needs
- I Too expensive

Iligibility Requirement (explain below)

Other (explain below)
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Legal and Advocacy Services Directions: Indicate the degree to which agree with each statement.		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. There are enough services available in the county to help those who have this need.		0	0	0	0	0
2. Anyone in the county is able to access services.			0	0	0	0
3. Services are widely advertised and known by the county.			0	0	0	0
4. Services take race, age, gender, ethnicity and more into account.			0	0	0	0
5. Facilities that provide service to meet this need are of good quality (e.g., clean, well supplied).			0	0	0	0
6. Staff are well-trained, knowledgeable and provide good customer service.		0	0	0	0	0
Directions: Consider the barriers that make it difficult to address this need in the county. Mark all that apply.						
 2 Wait Lists 2 Services do not exist 2 Transportation 2 Cannot contact the service provider 	 Lack of awareness of service Cultural Barriers Services provided are one-size fits all, and don't meet individual needs 	 Stigma Leads to Avoidance Eligibility Requirement (explain below 			low)	
 I Too expensive 		2 Other	(explain be	elow)		

Optional: Is there anything else that you would like county leaders to know about related to legal and advocacy services?

Section C. Prioritizing

Step 1.

Prioritizing Basic Needs

Directions: If you had to select the TOP THREE **Basic Needs** that should be addressed in your county right now, which 3 would you recommend? Please select three from the list below.

Housing

Pood

Paint Care

Community Safety

Employment and CareerServices

Child Care

Step 2.

Prioritizing Service Needs

Directions: If you had to select the TOP THREE **Service Needs** that should be addressed in your county right now, which 3 would you recommend? Please select three from the list below.

Behavioral/Mental Health Services for Adults	Domestic Violence Services
Isubstance Use Disorder	Parenting Skills Services
Services	I Legal Advisory Services
Services for Families Caring for Children of a Relative	2 Relatives
Behavioral/Mental Health Services for Children	Iegal Advocacy Services
	Legal Advocacy Services