

Your views are an important aspect in assessing Family and Children’s Services’ (FCS) program performance. Please take a few moments to answer some questions about your views of the community and FCS’ programs. All responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. Your participation is vital and very much appreciated.

Perceptions of Community: Think about your experiences with FCS programs and staff. Read the following statements and choose the response that BEST indicates your level of agreement with each statement. Choose from the following responses.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

1. ____ FCS is effective in addressing public policy issues that impact children and families.
2. ____ FCS programs help families take responsibility for what happens in their community.
3. ____ FCS services help strengthen families in the community.
4. ____ FCS supports people to communicate confidently with government officials (city, county, and state).
5. ____ FCS programs have made the community a better place to raise families.
6. ____ FCS is an effective contributor to community partnerships.
7. ____ FCS staff members actively oppose racism.
8. ____ FCS is an important resource for families in the community.
9. ____ FCS is insensitive to the needs of people of color in the community.
10. ____ FCS fosters ethnic diversity in the community.
11. ____ FCS contributes to making the community a peaceful place to work and live.
12. ____ FCS workshops and activities are culturally appropriate.
13. ____ FCS unites people to make change happen.
14. ____ FCS helps individuals to build and maintain relationships in the community.
15. ____ FCS programs help people identify and connect to resources.
16. ____ Persons of any race or ethnicity can depend on FCS for support.
17. ____ FCS develops workshops, activities, and programs that meet community needs.
18. ____ FCS programs for promoting stronger families are ineffective.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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19. _____ FCS has correctly identified where to allocate resources for promoting healthy families and communities.
20. _____ I understand the public policy issues that FCS promotes.
21. _____ I know of a public policy issue where FCS has taken the lead. (If you agree, please specify the policy issue) _____
22. _____ FCS fails to develop community resources to promote healthy families.
23. _____ FCS is sensitive to the needs of people of every race/ethnicity in the community.
24. _____ Families are better off because of programs and services provided by FCS.
25. _____ FCS encourages positive change in organizations that work with families.
26. Which aspects of community do you believe have been enhanced by FCS programs and services? Please check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Connectedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civility and Respect | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above |

27. Out of the community aspect categories listed above, which one do you believe FCS does best? _____

Background Information: Please check the appropriate category

28. Where do you currently live?
- Outside Minneapolis/St. Paul city limits but inside the 13 county metro area (Carver, Scott, Washington, Dakota, Hennepin, Chisago, Anoka, Wright, Ramsey, St. Croix, Sherburne, Rice, Goodhue)
 - Inside Minneapolis or St. Paul city limits
 - Outside the 13 county metro area
29. Where do you currently work?
- Outside Minneapolis/St. Paul city limits but inside the 13 county metro area
 - Inside the Minneapolis or St. Paul city limits

- Outside the 13 county metro area
- Not currently employed

30. While FCS is committed to a society where ethnicity does not limit opportunities, we ask you to identify your ethnic background to assess whether or not community stakeholders have different perceptions of FCS programs. Check the category that BEST describes your background.

- American Indian
- African
- White (Caucasian)
- Multi-racial: Please specify _____
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African-American
- Latino/a

31. Which FCS program are you familiar with? Check all programs that apply. *Staff members are listed to help identify the program.*

- Community and Systems Change – *i.e. Leadership Development, Community Building, MOVE, Policy Change, etc.*
Staff: Jeff Bauer, Lisa Carlson, Shawyn Lee (Sara Hagestad), Nhia Lee, Chris Paipoovong, Amina Saleh, Maria Zavala
- The Family Project
Staff: Jonna, Cardeña, Claire DeCoster, Paris Dunning, Laurie Lindblad, Vicki Wunsch
- IVFF: Initiative for Violence-Free Families
Staff: Lois Gunderson, James Martin, Jeannette Raymond, Sam Simmons
- Public Policy
Staff: Andrea Ayres, Susie Brown
- I do not have contact with any of the listed FCS programs.

If you work with staff involved in the Initiative for Violence-Free Families (IVFF), please complete questions 32 and 33. If not, please proceed to question 34.

32. As a result of your participation in the 100 Men Take a Stand committee or an IVFF action team, has the number of actions you have taken to prevent family violence increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed the same
- Not applicable, I did not participate in this program

33. As a result of your participation in the 100 Men Take a Stand committee or an IVFF action team, has the number of connections you have with others who share your violence prevention goals increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed the same
- Not applicable, I did not participate in this program

34. Are there areas where FCS should be allocating more resources? Please explain.

35. What else can be done by FCS to promote safer communities for raising healthy families?

36. How can FCS more effectively combat racism and nurture diversity in the community?

37. How can FCS more effectively meet the needs of those who are trying to eliminate or heal from violence?

39. Please add any other comments that you wish to share.

**Thank you for your time. Your responses are greatly appreciated.
Please return your responses in the pre-addressed envelope for Dr. Lisa K. Waldner.**