

Free to Grow Parent Advocate Form

Please fill in all answers completely.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

Address: _____ Telephone Number _____

Are you: *(Circle the number for each item to which you would answer "yes.")*

1. a Head Start parent?
2. a former Head Start parent?
3. a parent with child(ren) in a partnering school?
4. a resident of the target neighborhood with no school age children?
5. a grandparent who has grandchildren (under 18 years) living with you?

How old are you? *(Circle one.)*

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|---------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| 1. 15 years or less | 3. 20–29 | 5. 40–49 | 7. 60+ |
| 2. 15–19 years old | 4. 30–39 | 6. 50–59 | |

How many of your own children live with you in your household? *(Circle one.)*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Other (specify) _____

How many other children live with you? *(Circle one.)*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Other (specify) _____

Would you describe your family as: *(Circle one.)*

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| 1. a two-parent household? | 3. Other (describe) _____ |
| 2. a single parent household? | |

What is your highest level of education? *(Circle one.)*

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| 1. grade school | 4. some college |
| 2. high school, did not graduate | 5. college graduate |
| 3. high school, graduate | 6. graduate degree beyond 4 year college |

How would you describe yourself? *(Circle one.)*

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| 1. White | 3. American Indian | 5. Other (describe) _____ |
| 2. Black | 4. Asian and Pacific Islander | |

Are you: *(Circle one.)*

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| 1. Of Hispanic origin | 2. Not of Hispanic origin |
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Are you: *(Circle one.)*

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| 1. Male | 2. Female |
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Were you born in this country? Yes No If no, what country were you born in? _____
Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

Are you currently on welfare (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families?) Yes No

If so, how long have you been on welfare? 1. one year 3. 3–4 years
2. 1–2 years 4. more than 4 years

The following is a list of community involvement activities. Please check each of the activities that *you* participated *during the past year*.

- Signed a petition
- Participated as a Head Start classroom volunteer
- School volunteer
- PTA member
- Church volunteer
- Ethnic or cultural group association or organization member
- Wrote a letter or made a telephone call about a community issue
- Participated in a protest march or rally
- Voted in an election
- Attended a meeting to gather information for community change (such as school board, community board, or police precinct council/committee)
- Participated as a Head Start committee member
- Head Start Policy committee member
- Tenant Association member
- Block Association member
- Neighborhood Watch member
- Worked to help get a candidate elected
- Participated in a voter registration drive
- Arranged an agenda for a public meeting
- Had an in-depth face-to-face conversation with a public official about an issue
- Participated as a city-wide Head Start Policy council member
- School Planning team member
- Church leader
- Community board member
- Leader in an ethnic or cultural group association or organization
- Other (describe)

Strategy Action Planning Chart

SELECTED STRATEGY

ACTIVITIES/ TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	RESOURCES NEEDED	BLOCKS AND BARRIERS	OUTCOMES EXPECTED	DATE STARTED	DATE DONE

Free to Grow Community Survey

Hello, my name is _____ and I am working with a group of people who live in this community. We are working to find ways to make this a better place for children and families to live. We plan to use the information to help our community. I don't need to ask your name. We only want your opinion.

TEAM NUMBER
BLOCK NUMBER
DATE

1. Let me start by asking how you view the strengths and problems of Hancock County. For each thing I name please tell me if this is very true, partly true, partly untrue, or very untrue for this particular community.

What is I said this community has ...	Would you say that is ...			
	Very true	Partly true	Partly untrue	Very true
enough adult recreation				
enough for children to do that does not deal with sports				
enough for teens to do that does not deal with sports				
good schools				
parents are welcome in their child's school				
the school keeps parents informed about their children				
plenty of child care				
strong involvement of parents in their children's schools				
good roads				
good bridges				
high drug use				
good police protection				

2. What do you think is the single biggest problem for people living in this county?

(Do not read the list, but check what the person mentions.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of adult recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> parents unwelcome in school | <input type="checkbox"/> poor roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of things for children to do | <input type="checkbox"/> parents uninformed about school | <input type="checkbox"/> poor bridges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of things for teens to do | <input type="checkbox"/> parents uninvolved in kids' school | <input type="checkbox"/> high drug use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of employment | <input type="checkbox"/> weak churches | <input type="checkbox"/> bad people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor schools | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of child care | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of police protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> something else (what?) _____ | | |

3. What do you think is the best thing about living in this county?

(Do not read the list, but check what the person mentions.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> good adult recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> parents welcome in school | <input type="checkbox"/> good roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> plenty of things for children to do | <input type="checkbox"/> parents informed about school | <input type="checkbox"/> good bridges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> plenty of things for teens to do | <input type="checkbox"/> parents involved in kids' school | <input type="checkbox"/> low drug use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good employment | <input type="checkbox"/> good churches | <input type="checkbox"/> good people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good schools | <input type="checkbox"/> good child care | <input type="checkbox"/> good police protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> something else (what?) _____ | | |

4. Do you think the following things happen in this community a lot of time, some of the time, not very often, or almost never?

	Does this happen in this community...			
	A lot of the time	Some of the time	Note very often	Almost never
Churches work together to form activities for children.				
Teens have parties where alcohol is served.				
Children in grade school use tobacco.				
It is easy for teens to get alcohol.				
Teenagers have sexual intercourse.				
Peer pressure among teenagers is strong.				
Children have to ride the bus too long to get to school.				
Young teenagers run around all hours of the night.				
Residents have a strong voice in their communities.				
Government interferes in parental discipline.				

5. People have suggested different things that might be done to Hancock County to make things better.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A youth center should be developed in Vastwood.				
Bands that play contemporary Christian music should be brought in to play concerts for teenagers.				
The Haweaville and Lewisport Elementary Schools should be consolidated.				
An internship program should be developed for students in high school.				
College courses should be available at the high school.				
Students should wear uniforms to school.				
Another Head Start or pre-school program should be opened.				
There should be a place for child care 24 hours a day.				
There should be a curfew for teenagers.				
There should be a vocational school in the country.				

6. How long have you lived in this country? _____ years

7. Do any children live here? No Yes How many are younger than 6? _____
 How many are between 6 and 11? _____
 How many are between 12 and 17? _____

8. Are any of the adults who live here employed? No Yes How many are employed? _____

9. Are you ... under 30 years of age between 30 and 45
 between 30 and 45 60 years old or older

It is not necessary to ask the following, but be sure to code.

Gender: Male Race/ethnicity: African American Other (what?) _____
 Female White

When we get back the results of this survey, several of us are going to get together and discuss what we might do to improve our community. Would you like to be invited to come to the meeting?

No Yes (*Write the person's name, address, and phone number on your log.*)