

# **A**PPENDIX 6

## **Sample Surveys**

- **Resident**
- **Non-Resident**
- **Neighborhood Alert**

## *Neighborhood Surveys* *(Little Rock Arkansas)*

Neighborhood facilitators identify neighborhood needs, problems, and goals through three neighborhood surveys. Both residents and non-residents (individuals who work and/or attend church in the neighborhood alert center area but do not live there) are surveyed. The surveys provide resident generated information and recommendations to city planners and decision-makers as well as all three members of the Alert Center Team — the neighborhood facilitator, the code enforcement officer, and the community policing officer. The neighborhood facilitators to assess the conditions of the neighborhood also conduct an environmental survey.

Although the level of involvement in alert center activities varies from neighborhood to neighborhood, the participation of area residents in activities, programs and services offered through the neighborhood alert centers is critical to their successful function. Neighbors are encouraged to get involved in a variety of ways. Neighbors have access to the alert centers for crime watches, neighborhood associations and other neighborhood based groups. In fact, the City, through the neighborhood facilitators, encourages the growth and development of active neighborhood associations. Over the last two years, the number of active neighborhood associations in Little Rock has risen from fifteen to ninety. Alert center team members can flex their work schedules so they can attend meetings of neighborhood residents that are held in the evenings and on weekends.

In addition, neighbors have direct access to essential city services and are able to meet with city staff and leaders on a regular and ongoing basis. For example, since January 1995, the Mayor and City Manager have held “City Hall for a Day” at least once a month in order to meet and discuss issues of local concern with residents. Most often, these “City Hall for a Day” events are held within neighborhood alert centers.

## *Neighborhood Resident Survey*

This Neighborhood Survey is designed to keep neighbors and city government informed about environmental conditions and related city services in the neighborhood, and to measure the direct impact of these services or problems on the quality of life throughout neighborhoods as well as related services and programs which are occurring in the neighborhood. Reported results will not be identifiable by source in any way. The aggregate results of this survey will be compiled into one report for distribution to every interested individual in the neighborhood. We appreciate your willingness and time to complete this survey.

### **AREA SURVEYED:**

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1. How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

less than a year  1-4 years  5-10 years  Over 10 years

2. Do you rent or own your home?

rent  own

3. Please circle each year that your home/property has been burglarized or vandalized:

None 1995 1994 1993 1992 1991 1990 1989 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980  
Before 1980

4. Have any of your neighbors' homes been burglarized?

yes  no  I do not know

5. Have you ever observed what appears to be drug dealing activity in your neighborhood?

yes  no If yes, please specify:

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6. Have you observed children in your neighborhood using:

alcohol  other drug  I do not know

7. Do you know of any incidents where children have been approached by someone selling or giving away drugs?  yes  no

## *Neighborhood Resident Survey*

8. In the last year have you observed any gang activity in your neighborhood?  
yes no
  
9. Do you know most of your neighbors?  
yes no
  
10. Do you know of anyone in your neighborhood who has an alcohol problem?  
yes no
  
11. A drug problem other than alcohol?  
yes no
  
12. Would you consider the alcohol problem in your neighborhood to be:  
non-existent very slight moderate severe very severe
  
13. Would you consider the drug problem (other than alcohol) in your neighborhood to be:  
non-existent very slight moderate severe very severe
  
14. Please list all crimes which you know occurred in your neighborhood in the last year?  


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15. Has your neighborhood had any changes in the last five years that you would attribute to substance abuse?  
yes no If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_
  
16. Has your neighborhood had any significant changes due to other factors during the time you have lived here? yes no  
 If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  
17. Do you know of or participate in any churches, schools or other organizations in your neighborhood that have self-help group meetings or other drug abuse related services that are available to you? yes no  
 If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Neighborhood Resident Survey*

18. What city services would you like to see improved or added in your neighborhood?

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19. Do you think your neighborhood is a safe place to live?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

If no, what does this neighborhood need to make it a safer place to live?

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Please list any suggestions, comments or observations you have about your neighborhood. Include suggestions on how residents and/or public agencies can make your neighborhood safer and free from substance abuse.

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## *Neighborhood Non-Resident Survey*

This Neighborhood Survey was designed to keep neighbors and city government informed about environmental conditions and related city services in the neighborhood, and to measure the direct impact of these services or problems on the quality of life throughout neighborhoods as well as related services and programs which are occurring in the neighborhood. Reported results will not be identifiable by source in any way. The aggregate results of this survey will be compiled into one report for distribution to every interested resident in the neighborhood. We appreciate your willingness and time to complete this survey.

**AREA SURVEYED:**

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1. How long have you worked in this neighborhood?

less than a year  1-4 years  5-10 years  10 years+

2. Please circle each year that your business has been burglarized or vandalized:

None 1995 1994 1993 1992 1991 1990 1989 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980  
Before 1980

3. How would you rate your neighborhood in regard to services provided by the city?

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

4. What city services would you like to see improved or added to the neighborhood?

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5. Do you think this neighborhood is a safe place to work?  Yes  No

If no, what does this neighborhood need to make it a safe place to work?

6. List four suggestions that would improve this neighborhood.

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7. Have you ever observed what appears to be drug dealing activity in your neighborhood?

yes  no If yes, please specify:

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## *Neighborhood Non-Resident Survey*

8. Have you observed children in this neighborhood using alcohol:

\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Other drugs? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

9. Do you know of incidents of children being approached by someone selling or giving away drugs?

\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

10. In the last year have you observed any gang activity in this neighborhood?

\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

11. Do you know of anyone in this neighborhood with an alcohol problem? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

A drug problem? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

12. Would you consider the alcohol problem in this neighborhood to be:

\_\_\_non-existent \_\_\_very slight \_\_\_moderate \_\_\_severe \_\_\_very severe

13. Would you consider the drug problem (other than alcohol) in this neighborhood to be:

\_\_\_non-existent \_\_\_very slight \_\_\_moderate \_\_\_severe \_\_\_very severe

14. Please list any crimes which you know occurred in this neighborhood in the last year?

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15. Has this neighborhood had any changes in the last five years that you would attribute to substance abuse?

\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

If yes, please specify:

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*Neighborhood Non-Resident Survey*

16. In your opinion, have property values increased or decreased in this neighborhood?

\_\_\_increased \_\_\_decreased

17. What environmental conditions contributed to your answer in the above question?

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18. Do you know of or participate in any churches, schools or other organizations in this neighborhood that have self-help group meetings or other drug abuse related services that are available to residents?

\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any suggestions, comments or observations you have about this neighborhood. Include suggestions on how residents and/or public agencies can make your neighborhood safer and free from substance abuse (use the back, if necessary).

## *Neighborhood Alert System*

### *Environmental Survey*

1. Are there any alleys which need lighting or need to be cleaned up? Give address or locations.
2. Give address of houses or buildings which are deteriorating and could be considered dangerous or provide shelter for crime or drug activity:
3. Give location of vacant lots or other areas which have overgrown bushes or other hazards (including abandon cars, trash, discarded items, etc.)
4. List any businesses or other areas where people congregate outside the establishment.
5. List the addresses of establishments which sell alcohol, beer or wine (liquor stores, convenience stores, grocery stores, private clubs, etc.)
6. Is this a neighborhood crime watch neighborhood? If yes, are there signs present and located at strategic locations which are visible to the population.
7. Are there any “drug-free zone” signs present?
8. Through observations are there houses, or other areas which have heavy traffic or congregating of people for short periods of time? If yes, please give address or approximate locations of this activity?
9. Is there any evidence of gang activity (presence of graffiti, number of youth gathering or congregating wearing colors)? Please give locations of such evidence of gatherings.
10. Is there drinking in public? Please describe where and address of house or establishment.
11. Are there advertisements for alcoholic beverages or cigarettes in the neighborhood? If yes, please describe number and type (billboards, signs, etc.).
12. Is there any negative or unusual activity on or around school grounds (people other than students, drinking, other unusual observations, etc.)?
13. Give locations of missing street lights or areas where lighting would be needed.

## *Neighborhood Alert System*

### *Environmental Survey*

14. Give address of houses or areas that present a health or safety hazard and need to be cleaned up.
15. List by address, any commercial or other structure which is an eyesore and in bad need of repair.
16. List any vacant commercial buildings.
17. Are there sidewalks in the neighborhood? List those in need of repair.
18. Are the streets and drainage system in need of repair? If yes, give specific locations.
19. Are there any city parks or recreation playgrounds in this neighborhood?
20. Is there a need for any other city services in this neighborhood? If yes, please list needed services.
21. Please list name and address of all churches and schools in this neighborhood.
22. Are public or other transportation services available in this neighborhood? What are these services?
23. If there is a school in the neighborhood, describe the physical condition of the building and the grounds.
24. If there is a religious organization in the neighborhood, what daytime and/or evening activities, other than worship services are offered at the facility?
25. Are there any evening activities at schools and what are they?
26. Are there people walking, kids playing, neighbors visiting, casual activity?
27. List other conditions or observations that present a barrier to the healthy growth and well-being.
28. List all neighborhood resident organizations with contact person, address, and phone number.
29. List all businesses in the area.