YFIT (Youth and Family Involvement in Teams) Survey

Parent Questionnaire

(Haber & Malloy, 2011)

OPENING INSTRUCTIONS: This survey asks about the experiences that you and your child had with the RENEW planning and services he or she has been receiving through the high school this past year. More specifically, we want to know: 1) how you feel about the program overall; 2) whether RENEW has helped your child to make progress this year; 3) whether you are happy with how you and your child have been involved in the RENEW process.

Please answer as honestly as you can. Information you share will help us to improve RENEW program.

Parent (Guardian, Caregiver) First Initial and Last Name: ___________________________________

Name of Youth: ____________________________________________

RENEW Facilitator: _______________________________________

Interviewer (if different from Facilitator): _______________________

School: ______________________________________

Date of Interview: __/__/__

Parent’s Gender: □ Male  □ Female

Would you say you are the primary caregiver for this child? This means you are the parent or other person who has been most responsible for the child during his or her last 6 months in the RENEW program? □ Yes □ No

If you are not the child’s parent, what is your relationship?

□ Grandparent
□ Relative other than parent or grandparent
□ Foster parent
□ Group home or residential staff member
□ Other: ____________________________

Would you describe yourself as primarily:

□ White
□ African-American
□ Hispanic or Latino
□ Asian or Pacific Islander
□ African
□ Other: ____________________________

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SATISFACTION ITEMS: For this first set of items, please think about all services and other supports that your child has received for the past 6 months. This may include support from the RENEW facilitator or other services, such as individual counseling or support from school staff members, working with your RENEW team, help for your child getting a job, planning for college or training programs, or other types of help.
We are interested in knowing how satisfied or dissatisfied you have been with the services and support your child has received during the past 6 months.

1. Overall, how satisfied were you with the services that your child received this year?

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied

2. How satisfied have you been with your child’s progress in the last six months?

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied

3. Have the services and supports your child has received over the past 6 months been helpful?

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied

4. How satisfied were you with your level of involvement in planning services for your child?

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS ABOUT TEAMS:** The next set of questions are about your child’s RENEW team. Please answer these questions about the team and goals of the team.

5. I feel that I have been a part of my child’s RENEW team.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

6. My child decided who would participate in meetings.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

7. The facilitator at the school helped my child to decide the topics that would be on the agenda for meetings.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

8. The facilitator at the school helped me prepare for the RENEW meetings.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

9. The facilitator helped me understand my role in the RENEW process.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

10. My child led the meetings.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS ABOUT PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** The following questions focus on how you were involved in the RENEW process. Please answer the following questions about how you were involved in the RENEW process.

11. Overall, I am comfortable with how I was involved in the planning process.
12. Sometimes there were differences between what I wanted and what my child wanted.

13. When there were differences between what I wanted and what my child wanted, the team went with what my child wanted to do.

14. My point of view was respected in the process.

15. My concerns as a parent/primary caregiver were consistently addressed through the RENEW team and planning process.

16. The facilitator or a person from the school spoke with me outside of meetings on a regular basis.

17. My child made valuable connections through this process.

18. Overall, I would say that my child led in the development of the plan.

19. I am comfortable with the level of leadership my child had in the planning process.

FOR OPEN ENDED ITEMS: Please answer the following questions about ways in which your child took leadership in his or her RENEW program in your own words. This is a great opportunity for you to talk about how RENEW helped your child to take the lead in planning his or her life goals, and ways in which the program might have helped more.

20. What were the initial goals of your child's plan (name up to three):
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

21. Did goals change over time?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Don't Know
   If yes, how did the goals change?
______________________________________________________________________________
22. In what ways did your child show more leadership over his or her services in the RENEW process compared to other programs you may have been in?
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23. What kind of positive changes have you seen in your child as a result of having greater leadership and control?
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______________________________________________________________________________
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24. Were there ways in which your child’s increased leadership and control made you uncomfortable?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what were these?
______________________________________________________________________________

25. What might you change about how your child was encouraged to take leadership and control over his or her services in the RENEW program?
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