

**Survey of Community Leaders/Key-Decision Makers**

Attached is a survey designed to examine how you feel about various issues in the context of children and families in the Houston, TX area. We would like you to please fill out this very short survey. Your responses are valuable and this should only take you about 15 minutes.

Please understand that *your answers will be kept totally confidential*. Please also understand that you are under no obligation to answer every question. Your participation is completely voluntary. Only group responses will be reported. Your individual responses will remain confidential.

There are many issues facing children and families in Houston and other cities. When thinking about children in Houston, please list three issues or areas you feel most need to be addressed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Below is a list of issues that many cities face. Please rate each of these on a scale of one to five. One (1) indicates not an issue for Houston, three (3) means it may or may not be a issue, and five (5) indicates an issue of extreme importance to Houston.

Issue	Not an issue		May or may not be an issue		Issue of extreme importance
	1	2	3	4	5
Climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Drug and alcohol abuse	1	2	3	4	5
Economic climate (e.g lack of good jobs, cost of living, high taxes)	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of public education	1	2	3	4	5
Poorly planned development and sprawl	1	2	3	4	5
Housing (e.g. lack of good affordable housing, homelessness)	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of recreational activities	1	2	3	4	5

Access to health care	1	2	3	4	5
Poverty	1	2	3	4	5
Increasing traffic	1	2	3	4	5
Obesity	1	2	3	4	5
Pedestrian and bicycle safety (e.g. lack of walkways, crosswalks, sidewalks, and bike lanes)	1	2	3	4	5
Access to healthy groceries	1	2	3	4	5
Poor nutrition	1	2	3	4	5
Government response to natural disasters	1	2	3	4	5
Pandemic influenza	1	2	3	4	5
Crime	1	2	3	4	5

5. In your opinion, are there any other issues that concern Houston's children in particular? If yes, please specify:

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6. What do you think Houston needs most to address the issues you have identified on this survey? Please rank the following responses that most reflect the kind of assistance you feel is needed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 0. No assistance is needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. More Expert, Legal or Scientific assistance to help with solutions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. More Funding to help with solutions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. More Active Participation from citizens
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Other: \_\_\_\_\_