Survey Questionnaire

Before we begin, I want to thank you again for agreeing to speak with me today. The reason for this interview is to hear about how your life has been since you were released from prison. I'll be asking you questions about different experiences you’ve had since your release, your opinions about various things, and how easy or hard it has been for you to find a place to live, to get a job, and so forth. Throughout the interview, I’ll be taking notes about what you tell me on this form. If any question I ask you is too personal or makes you feel uncomfortable, please let me know or just say “pass” and I will skip it and go on to the next one. I also want to remind you that you can stop participating at any time. Finally, I want to emphasize to you that everything you tell me today will be kept in the strictest confidence. Do you have any questions before we get started?

BACKGROUND

Okay, I’d like to start by asking you a few questions about yourself and your time in prison.

1. How old are you?
   ________
   Years

2. What is your gender?
   □ Female
   □ Male
   □ Transgender

3. Are you married or in a domestic partnership?
   □ No
   □ Yes

4. What is your race?
   □ African American or Black
   □ Asian American or Pacific Islander
   □ Native American or American Indian
   □ White or European American
   □ Latino, Chicano, or Latin American
   □ Multiple Races
   □ Some other race – Print race

5. Do you currently live in the Greater Richmond Area?
   □ By that, I mean the City of Richmond, the City of San Pablo, or North Richmond.
   □ No ➔ [ASK Q5a.]
   □ Yes ➔ [ASK Q5b.]
      a. What city do you currently live in?
b. What neighborhood do you currently live in?

6. Were you born in the Greater Richmond Area?
   - [ ] No
   - [x] Yes  [SKIP TO Q10]

7. Were you born outside of the United States?
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] Refuse to Answer

8. Are you a U.S. citizen, a lawful permanent resident, or neither?
   - [ ] U.S. citizen
   - [ ] Lawful permanent resident
   - [ ] Refuse to Answer

9. How many years have you lived in the Greater Richmond Area?
   - [ ] [Enter number]

10. How many times have you been incarcerated?
    - [ ] [Enter number]

11. Were you living in the Greater Richmond Area at the time of your last incarceration?
    - [ ] No
    - [x] Yes

12. Over what period of time were you last incarcerated?
    
    ___________________________  to  _________________________  
    (Month, Year)                            (Month, Year)

13. What facilities did you serve time in during your last year?


14. Were you a federal, state, or county inmate during your incarceration?
    - [ ] Federal
    - [ ] State
    - [ ] County
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15. Are you currently on parole, probation or other post-release supervision?
   - No
   - Yes

16. What is your MAX date? (When will you be off parole?)

Pre-Release Programs

I’m now going to ask you about programs you may have attended during your incarceration.

17. Were you in General Population during your incarceration?
   - No
   - Yes

18. Did you receive any pre-release services, such as classes, programs, or one-on-one counseling?
   - No
   - Yes

19. During your most recent prison term, did you participate in any of the following programs designed to help prepare you for release?

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I’d like to know a little bit more about what kinds of information you were provided prior to your release. I’m going to read you a list of things that you might have needed to do since you’ve been released, like find a place to live or find a job, and I’d like you to tell me if you were provided with information to help you with those things. If the program doesn’t apply to you for whatever reason, please say so. Please do not include any programs or classes since your release.

20. How to find a place to live
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes
   - 99998 - Don’t know
   - If yes, was it helpful?
     - 0 - No
     - 1 - Yes

21. How to find a job
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes
   - 99998 - Don’t know
   - If no, why not?
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32. Were there any pre-release programs that I didn’t mention that were helpful?
   - No
   - Yes ➔ [ASK Q32a.]
   - Don’t know

   a. What were they?

33. Were there any pre-release programs that I didn’t mention that were not helpful?
   - No
   - Yes ➔ [ASK Q32a.]
   - Don’t know

   a. What were they?

34. Thinking about the information or services you received prior to your release, how would you rate them on a scale of 1 to 10 where 10 is extremely helpful and 1 is not helpful at all for your transition back to the community. [CIRCLE ONE]

   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

The Essentials

Now I’m going to ask you a few questions about your eligibility for things like voting or ID cards.

35. Do you currently have a valid government-issued photo ID?
   - 0 - No ➔ [SKIP to Q39]
   - 1 – Yes

36. Did you need to get a new photo ID since your release from prison?
   - 0 - No ➔ [SKIP to Q38]
   - 1 – Yes
37. How much time passed between your release and when you had your ID in hand?

- Already had one
- 1 – 1-5 days
- 2 – 6-15 days
- 3 – 16-30 days
- 4 – 31-90 days
- 5 – 91 or more days

38. What kind of photo ID do you have?

- 1 - Driver's license
- 2 - Passport
- 3 - State ID card
- 4 - Other: _____________________

39. Had trouble getting healthy food for yourself or your family.

- 99995 – Refuse

40. Skipped a meal due to difficulties getting food.

- 99995 – Refuse

41. Had trouble making regular payments, such as rent or bills.

- 99995 – Refuse

42. Had trouble paying for medical services or medication.

- 99995 – Refuse

43. Wanted to see a doctor, but didn’t, because you worried about how much it would cost.

- 99995 – Refuse

44. Had barely enough money to get by.

- 99995 – Refuse

45. Worried about how you will survive financially.

- 99995 – Refuse

46. Food Stamps

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes
- 99998 - Don’t know

47. General Assistance

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes
51. Are there any services from the list that you are not eligible for because of your legal record or incarceration?  
Check all that apply

- [ ] 1 - Food Stamps
- [ ] 2 - General Assistance
- [ ] 3 - Supplemental Security Income
- [ ] 4 - Medicaid
- [ ] 5 - MediCal
- [ ] 6 - Don’t know
- [ ] 7 - None

52. Are there any other services or benefits that you receive that I didn’t mention?  
____________________________________________________  
____________________________________________________  
____________________________________________________  

53. Are you currently eligible to vote?  
- [ ] 0 – No [ASK Q53a., then SKIP to Q55]  
- [ ] 1 – Yes
- [ ] 99998 - Don’t know  

  a) What is the reason you are not eligible to vote? [SKIP to Q55]  
     - [ ] 1 – Felony on record
     - [ ] 2 – Not a citizen
     - [ ] 3 – Other [Specify]  
     ________________________________________________________  
     ________________________________________________________  
     ________________________________________________________  

54. Have you voted since your release from prison?  
- [ ] 0 – No
- [ ] 1 - Yes
55. Do you plan to vote in the next election you are eligible for?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes
   - 99997

Finding Housing (Post-Release)

Now I’m going to ask you some questions about your experience finding housing since your release from prison.

56. Were you required to live in an area outside of Richmond upon release?
   - 0 - No [SKIP to Q59.]
   - 1 - Yes

57. What city were you relocated to?
    _________________

58. Why were you relocated?
    ____________________________________________________________________

59. Which of the following best describes your living situation in the first month after your release?
   READ
   ALOUD
   Check all that apply
   - 1 - I stayed in a room, apartment, or house that I rented or owned.
   - 2 - I stayed rent-free with family or friends.
   - 3 - I stayed at a long-term shelter or halfway house.
   - 4 - I was homeless or staying in short-term shelters.

60. Which of the following best describes your current living situation
   READ
   ALOUD
   Check one
   - 1 - I am staying in a room, apartment, or house that I rented or owned.
   - 2 - I am staying rent-free with family or friends.
   - 3 - I am staying at a long-term shelter or halfway house.
   - 4 - I am homeless or staying in short-term shelters.

61. Since your release from prison, how many places have you lived, including your own home?
   Enter number
   - 99998 - Don't know

62. I want to know about any challenges you might have faced finding housing. Have you ever tried to do the following and were unsuccessful?

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<th>[If Yes] Why were you unsuccessful?</th>
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<td>Get public housing or a section 8 voucher?</td>
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   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes
Relationships with Family, Friends, and the Community

Now I’d like to ask you some questions about your relationships with your friends and family. When I say family, I mean your blood or legal relatives, people you have a child in common with, and any partners or guardians.

66. How many children do you have?

☐ Enter number ➔ [IF ZERO, SKIP TO Q82]

67. Were your children aware of your incarceration?
☐ Yes
☐ No

68. Were you aware of his/her/their location during your incarceration?
☐ Yes
☐ No

69. Did you have visits with your children?
☐ No [IF NO, SKIP TO Q71]
☐ Yes
70. Were these contact or non-contact visits?
   - Non-Contact
   - Contact
   - Don’t know

71. During your incarceration, was it easy or hard was it to maintain relationships with your child(ren)?
   - Easy
   - Somewhat difficult
   - Hard
   - Neither

72. Were any of your children under the age of 18 during your incarceration?
   - No ➔ [IF NO, SKIP TO Q79]
   - Yes

73. During your incarceration, who cared for your child(ren) under the age of 18?
   - Spouse
   - Another parent
   - Family member
   - Foster home
   - Refuse
   - Don’t know

74. Were your children under the age of 18 legally removed from your custody when you were incarcerated?
   - No ➔ [IF NO, SKIP TO Q81.]
   - Yes

75. Were you provided legal information about how to regain custody of your child(ren) prior to your release?
   - No
   - Yes
   - Not applicable (children were no longer minors upon release)

76. Have you been able to regain custody of your child(ren) since you have been released from prison?
   - No
   - Yes
   - Not applicable (children were no longer minors upon release)

77. Have you had any child custody problems since you were released?
   - No
   - Yes ➔ [Ask 77a]

   a. Could you tell me about these problems?

   □ 99995 - Refuse
78. In the last 30 days, how often have you been in contact with any of your children?

READ

ALOUD

Check

one

☐ 0 - Never

☐ 1 - Once or twice

☐ 2 - Weekly

☐ 3 - Daily

☐ 99995 - Refuse

☐ 99997 – Not applicable (children are no longer minors)

☐ 99998 - Don’t know

80. Being incarcerated strained your relationship with your child(ren).

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

81. You and your children currently have a trusting relationship.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

82. All family members are a source of support for you.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

83. You have someone in your family who provides you with moral and emotional support

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

84. You have someone in your family who would provide help or advice on finding a job.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

85. You have someone in your family who would provide transportation to work or other appointments, if needed.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

86. You have someone in your family who would provide you with some financial support.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

87. How has your time in prison changed your relationship with your family, if at all? Has it made your family closer, has it made it drift apart, or has there been no change?

☐ 1 - Made family closer

☐ 2 - Made family drift apart

☐ 3 - No change

☐ 4 - Other: [Specify] ______________________________

☐ 99998 - Don’t know
88. How many close family relationships do you have now? By close, I mean people who look out for you, who would do you a favor even when you don't ask them to, and who will listen to you and offer you advice when you need it?

Enter number

☐ 99998 - Don't know

89. What city or town does the nearest family member you are close with live in?

________________________________________________________

90. Since your release, have you ever participated in a program meant to help improve strained relationships with friends and family?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes

[ASK 91a, then SKIP to Q92.]

a. Was the program helpful?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes

91. Do you think you would benefit from such a program?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes
☐ 99998 - Don't know

92. Do you have a positive support group outside of your family?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes

93. Do you turn to any of the following people when you need guidance?

| A. Family member(s) | YES | NO |
| B. Friend(s) | |
| C. Parole Officer | |
| D. Neighbor | |
| E. Counselor | |
| F. Mentor/Sponsor | |
| G. Other | [Specify: __________________________ ] | |
| H. Nobody | |

94. What kind of organizations in your community do you belong to?

| A. Church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious organization? | YES | NO |
| B. Sports team? | |
| C. Music / artistic group? | |
| D. Local government? | |
| E. Community Organization? | |
95. Do you do any community service in your neighborhood?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes

96. Do you feel respected as a member of the community?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes

97. Do you feel you have had a chance to make things right to the people affected by any past crimes?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes

98. Please think back on the first three days after your release. During these first three days, were you able to:

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Finding Employment

Now I'm going to ask you some questions about your employment and your ability to find a job.

99. Are you currently employed?
   - 0 - No  ➔ [SKIP TO Q103]
   - 1 - Yes
     - Full-time
     - Part-time
100. What kind of work do you do at your job?
   - 1 - Cook / food service
   - 2 - Warehouse work / shipping
   - 3 - Sanitation / trash removal
   - 4 - Maintenance
   - 5 - Construction / general manual labor
   - 6 - Assembly line / factory
   - 7 - Car repair
   - 8 - Telemarketing
   - 9 - Other \[describe: ___________________________________________ \]

101. How did you find this job?
   - 0 - Word of Mouth
   - 1 - Talked to friends
   - 2 - Talked to relatives
   - 3 - Talked to your parole officer
   - 4 - Used newspaper ads
   - 5 - Used a labor union
   - 6 - Used a state employment agency
   - 7 - Used a school placement officer
   - 8 - Answered help-wanted signs
   - 9 - Used yellow pages
   - 10 - Used a temporary employment agency
   - 11 - Used a private employment service
   - 12 - Went to former employer
   - 13 - Just walked in and applied
   - 14 - Sent a resume or called an employer
   - 15 - The Internet
   - 16 - Other \[describe: ___________________________________________ \]

102. Did your current employer know about your criminal history at the time you were hired?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes
   - 99995 - Refuse
   - 99998 - Don't know

103. How many jobs have you had since your release from incarceration?

   \[Enter number \[if zero \[Skip to Q105\] \]

104. How much time passed between your release and when you had your first day of employment?
   - 1 – 1-15 days
   - 2 – 15-30 days
   - 3 – 1-2 months
   - 4 – 2-3 months
   - 5 – More than 3 months \[Now SKIP TO Q106 \]
105. How many hours per week on average have you spent looking for work since your release?
   - 0 - None ➔ [ASK Q106]
   - ____ hours per week ➔ [SKIP TO Q107]

106. Why haven't you looked for work since you were released?
   - 1 - You had a job lined up when you were released
   - 2 - You are too old to be working
   - 3 - You currently have health problems
   - 4 - You are permanently disabled
   - 5 - You do not want to work
   - 6 - You do not have to work
   - 7 - You have other things to do (e.g., school or volunteering)
   - 8 - You have to take care of your children
   - 9 - You have to take care of an ailing family member
   - 10 - You have been in a treatment program/home detention
   - 11 - Other


107. Has your criminal record ever had an effect on your job search?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes ➔ [Please explain how:______________________________
              ____________________________
              ____________________________]


108. Were you ever told you would not be hired because of your criminal record?
   - 0 - No
   - 1 - Yes ➔ [What job(s):
              ____________________________
              ____________________________
              ____________________________
              ____________________________]

109. Has it been easy or hard to keep a job?
   - 2 - Easy
   - 3 - Hard
   - Neither
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### 110. What kind of work do you have the skills for?
- [ ] 1 - Cook / food service
- [ ] 2 - Warehouse work / shipping
- [ ] 3 - Sanitation / trash removal
- [ ] 4 - Maintenance
- [ ] 5 - Construction / general manual labor
- [ ] 6 - Assembly line/ factory
- [ ] 7 - Car repair
- [ ] 8 - Telemarketing
- [ ] 9 - Other  
  [describe: ___________________________________________ ]

### 111. Have you ever independently run a formal or informal small business?
- [ ] 0 - Yes
- [ ] 1 - No

### 112. Have you ever received training on how to run a small business?
- [ ] 0 - Yes
- [ ] 1 - No

### 113. Have you ever created a business plan?
- [ ] 0 - Yes
- [ ] 1 - No

### 114. Have you ever applied for a business loan?
- [ ] 0 - Yes  
  [If yes] Did you receive the loan?
  - [ ] 0 - Yes
  - [ ] 1 - No
- [ ] 1 - No  
  [If no] Do you know where you would go to do this?
  - [ ] 0 - Yes
  - [ ] 1 - No

### Transportation

Now I’m going to ask you some questions about how you get around.

### 115. What kind of transportation do you use the most?
- [ ] 1 - Driving a vehicle  
  [Skip to Q117]
- [ ] 2 - Being driven by others
- [ ] 3 - Riding public transportation
- [ ] 4 - Walking
- [ ] 5 - Riding a bike
- [ ] 6 - Other

### 116. Do you have a bus pass or bus tickets?
- [ ] 0 - No
- [ ] 1 - Yes
- [ ] 99998 - Don't know
117. How often are you late or do you miss a commitment because of transportation problems?

☐ 0 - Never
☐ 1 – Once per month
☐ 2 – Once per week
☐ 3 – 2-3 times per week
☐ 4 – 4-5 times per week

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**Health Conditions and Medications**

I’d like to ask you some questions about any health conditions you may have. We don’t mean to pry. We’re just trying to get the best possible information. Of course, if any question makes you feel uncomfortable, you can say “pass”.

118. In prison, were you taking prescribed medications on a regular basis?

☐ 0 - No ➔ *SKIP TO Q123*
☐ 1 - Yes

119. Did the prison give you a supply of medications or a prescription to take with you upon your release?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes
☐ 99997 - Did not need medication after release

120. Are you still on the same type of medication(s) you had been taking in prison?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes
☐ 99998 - Don’t know

121. Is continuing to take medications a condition of your parole or probation?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes ➔ *SKIP TO Q123*
☐ 99998 - Don’t know

122. If the medications were not a condition of your parole, would you still want to take them?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 - Yes 99998 - Don’t know

123. Has a doctor or other health care provider ever told you that you have or had a health condition or illness?

☐ 0 - No
☐ 1 – Yes

*IF YES* Which health conditions?

1. ______________________ 2. ______________________ 3. ______________________

Where you diagnosed before, during, or after incarceration?

☐ Before  ☐ During  ☐ After  ☐ Don’t know

Have you ever received treatment for this?

☐ No  ☐ Yes

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If yes, were you receiving treatment for this condition before, during, or after incarceration?

- Before
- During
- After
- Don’t know

124. What kind of health coverage or insurance do you have?

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- 0 - MediCal
- 1 - Medicaid
- 2 - Medicare
- 3 - VA (Veterans health care)
- 4 - County
- 5 - Private insurance through your employer or that you purchased
- 6 - Other
- 0 - None
- 99998 - Don’t know

Relationships with Parole/Probation Officer

I am now going to ask you about your relationship with your parole or probation officer.

125. For the most part, does your parole/probation officer treat you with respect?

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes

126. For the most part, does your parole/probation officer act professionally?

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes

127. For the most part, does your parole/probation officer give you correct information?

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes

128. Has your parole/probation officer ever told you about programs and services that would be helpful to your reentry, such as job skills training, counseling, or medical services?

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes

[If yes] What kinds of programs and services?

129. On a scale of one to ten, how helpful has your parole/probation officer been with your transition back to the community? One is not helpful at all and ten is extremely helpful.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
130. What specific thing has your parole/probation officer done that you found helpful?

- 1 - Helped with job search
- 2 - Helped find drug treatment program
- 3 - Helped with living situation
- 4 - Gave encouragement
- 5 - Communicated with you/Was understanding

Anything else helpful?

- 6 - Other [Specify] ______________________________________________________

- 7 - Nothing
- 99998 - Don’t know
- 99995 - Refuse

131. What specific thing has your parole/probation officer done that has hindered your reentry process?

- 1 - Conducted unannounced visits to my place of employment
- 2 - Provided negative reviews
- 3 - Refused to give me information or contacts for services
- 4 - Was discouraging

Anything else that hindered your reentry?

- 6 - Other [Specify] ______________________________________________________

- 7 - Nothing
- 99998 - Don’t know
- 99995 - Refuse

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**Post-Release Programs**

Now I’d like to ask you some questions about different programs that are sometimes available to people after release, like GED classes and job training programs. For each one, I’m going to ask if you if the program is available to you and if you participated in it since your release. If the program does not apply to you, please say so. Please do not include classes or programs that you may have participated in while you were in prison.

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142. Which of the following has been a barrier to participating in post-release programs?

- □ 1 - You were too busy
- □ 2 - You were unaware of program opportunities
- □ 3 - You were not eligible  
- □ 4 - The program was too crowded / you were on a waiting list
- □ 5 - You could not afford the program
- □ 6 - The program was located too far away/no transportation
- □ 7 - Other
- □ 99998 - Don’t know

Likelihood of Reoffending

143. How hard has it been to avoid a parole/probation violation?

- □ 1 - Very easy
- □ 2 - Easy
- □ 3 - Hard
- □ 4 - Very Hard
- □ 99995 - Refuse

144. How hard has it been to not commit crimes?

- □ 1 - Very easy
- □ 2 - Easy
- □ 3 - Hard
- □ 4 - Very Hard
- □ 99995 - Refuse

145. How likely do you think it is that you will violate at least one of the conditions of your supervision? Do you think it is...

- □ 1 - Very likely
- □ 2 - Likely
- □ 3 - Unlikely
- □ 4 - Very unlikely
- □ 99995 - Refuse

146. How long would your current situation have to continue for you to reoffend?

- □ 1-3 days
- □ 4-13 days
- □ Two weeks to a month
- □ Two to six months
- □ Six months to two years
- □ I would never reoffend
Thank you, we are very close to finishing. These last few questions are open-ended, so answer them any way you’d like.

147. Since your release from prison what has been your single **biggest challenge**?

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148. What **strengths or resources** did you draw upon to meet this challenge?

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149. Which one thing do you think has been the most important in keeping you out of prison?

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150. Which one service do you think was the most important in assisting you after your release?

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151. What kinds of services, programs, or support would be useful to you right now

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