CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SURVEY

I'd like to ask you some questions about events that happened during your life.

These are sensitive questions that may make some people feel uncomfortable. Please keep in mind that you can skip any question you do not want to answer.

All of the following questions refer to the time period before you were 18 years of age. Now, looking back before you were 18 years of age ...

1	As a child, how often did your family experience serious financial problems? Would you say									
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
2	How often were you hungry because your family could not afford food? Would you say									
2	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
	How often were you homeless when you were growing up?									
3	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
	(Note: This means having to stay somewhere like a transitional housing program, a shelter, a hotel/motel paid by voucher, someone else's home, a car or other vehicle, an abandoned building, anywhere outside, or anywhere else not meant for people to live.)									
	How often did a parent or adult in your home ever swear at you, insult you, or put you down?									
4	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
	How often were you bullied or severely teased by other children or adolescents?									
_	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
5	(Note: This refers to bullying or teasing by children or adolescents of any age. They could have been older than you, younger than you, or the same age. It does <u>not</u> include experiences with adults or with siblings.)									
	Before age 18, how often was there an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met? By "basic needs" we mean food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.									
6	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
	(Note: This could be any adult in the household, not just a parent.)									
7	How often was there an adult in your household who made you feel safe and protected?									
,	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often					
8	Before age 18, how often did a parent or adult in your home ever hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way? Do not include spanking.									
	Never	Once	More than once							
				ver slap, hit. be	eat, kick, or physically hur	t each				
9	other?									
	Never	Once	More than once							



10	How often did an adult, or anyone at least 5 years older than you, touch you sexually, try to make you touch them sexually, or force you to have sex?								
	Never	Once	More than once						
11	Did you live with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal?								
•	Yes	No							
12	Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic?								
	Yes	No							
13	Did you live with anyone who used illegal street drugs or who abused prescription medications?								
	Yes	No							
14	Did you live with anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a prison, jail, or other correctional facility?								
	Yes	No							
15	Were your parents separated or divorced?								
15	Yes	No (Parents are	e married)	No (Par	ents are not married)				
16	Was either one of your parents absent from your life for a long period of time? Do not include absence due to death of parent.								
	Yes	No							
47	Before age 18, did you experience the death of a parent, caregiver, or sibling?								
17	Yes	No							
18	Before age 18, were you ever the victim of a violent crime? This refers to any violent act that was perpetrated by someone other than a parent or household family member.								
	Yes	No							
10	Overall, how uncomfortable did you feel answering the questions on this survey?								
19	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Extremely				
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This survey was adapted from the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) module of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System for use by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Family Foundations Comprehensive Home Visiting Program (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Questionnaire*, Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2012).

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