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Final Summary Overview

Research and Evaluation on Trafficking Persons 2016-MU-MU-0002: Estimating the Prevalence of Trafficking Among Homeless and Runaway Youth Ages 14-25

PURPOSE

The primary aim of the Atlanta Youth Count 2018 (AYC18) was to contribute concrete scientific data to the local policymaking process and new scientific evidence regarding sex and labor trafficking among homeless youth in Metro-Atlanta. To this end, the AYC18 had three major study objectives:

- 1) Provide metro Atlanta service providers, policymakers, and youth advocates practical information on the size, nature, and needs of the homeless, precariously housed, and runaway youth in our community who are involved in forms of sex and labor trafficking;
- 2) Collect information that can be used to develop and refine policies, programs, and interventions to help these youth in our community; and
- 3) Encourage a community-wide dialogue about the needs and social determinants of youth homelessness.

This project was designed to have a meaningful impact on the court, law enforcement, and victim services practices at the jurisdictional level within Georgia, the state level within Georgia, and within states and court systems across the United States. The project team worked diligently to communicate the research findings to both academic and public institutional audiences alike, especially court systems and law enforcement agencies.

PROJECT DESIGN AND METHODS

The centerpiece of the AYC18 was a brief, anonymous field survey of homeless youth contacted through outreach efforts conducted and led by local homeless serving agencies and

organizations in metro Atlanta. The survey tool was designed to collect basic information about the demographic background, history of homelessness including exploitative sex and labor trafficking involvement, and select social experiences, characteristics, and behavior of homeless youth contacted at shelters, motels, and other street and community locations where homeless youth congregate. All homeless and runaway youth ages 14-25, who did not have a permanent, stable residence of their own, and who were living independently without consistent parental or family support were eligible and encouraged to participate. The study employed sophisticated systematic capture-recapture field sampling methods to locate homeless youth to help ensure that the sample accurately described the current population of homeless youth in metro Atlanta, including all of Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Gwinnett and Cobb Counties.

The AYC18 was completed in three phases involving different activities. In phase 1, which occurred from September 2017 to December 2018, the research team a) completed participant observation of agencies serving homeless youth, including informal discussions with outreach workers about their impressions and the movements of homeless youth, and b) recruited student research assistants to carry out the full count as part of a Georgia State University Sociology Domestic Field School course on "Homeless Youth and Trafficking."

In phase 2, which occurred in August 2017 and July of 2018, we began the development of the survey instrument, starting with survey developed for homeless youth in a prior community study conducted by the research team¹. We relied heavily on assistance and advice from three homeless youth service providers and an anti-sex trafficking youth service provider in

¹ Dank, Meredith, Jennifer Yahner, Lilly Yu, Carla Vasquez-Noriega, Julia Gelatt, and Michael Pergamit. "Pretesting a Human Trafficking Screening Tool in the Child Welfare and Runaway and Homeless Youth Systems." Research Report. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute, April 2017. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/pretesting-human-trafficking-screening-tool-child-welfare-and-runaway-and-homeless-youth-systems>.

the development of the survey tool. Focus groups were conducted with these agencies' clients and former clients, and their feedback was incorporated into the final version of the survey instrument.

In phase 3, AYC18 survey data collection was conducted across the five-county metro Atlanta area. This phase was organized into three distinct ten-day "sweeps", in September-November 2018, in the form of three ten-day "sweeps." Homeless service providers and outreach workers worked in teams with student data collectors, who were trained as part of the Sociology Domestic Field School, to contact and conduct interviews with homeless youth in shelters, motels, and other street and community locations where homeless youth live and spend time. The survey asked about participants' personal and social background, health status, contact with various health and social service systems, and exposure to sex and labor trafficking. We adopted a broad definition of sex and labor trafficking, using the *Human Trafficking Screening Tool* developed for homeless youth at the Urban Institute², which focused on subjective perceived experiences of force, fraud, coercion, and commercial sexual exploitation. All surveys were conducted completely anonymously in order to encourage honesty and protect respondents from any harm or negative consequences stemming from their answers. No information was collected that could be used to identify or trace participants. Upon completion of the survey, respondents received a \$10 Visa card, a list of useful resources available to them in the community, and assorted offerings (hygiene kits, condoms, snacks). The field teams recorded additional observational data on youth observed but not contacted in the field who appeared to fit the study eligibility criteria.

² Dank et al., "Pretesting a Human Trafficking Screening Tool in the Child Welfare and Runaway and Homeless Youth Systems."

Across both sweeps, we had a total of 736 "contacts" with homeless youth. This included 641 surveys completed by eligible youth in the field as well as 95 additional youth were observed without face-to-face interaction (e.g., "windshield observations") by the field team who they were reasonably confident were both homeless and met our study eligibility criteria. Because the surveys were anonymous and youth could complete the survey more than once, we combined non-identifying descriptive variables such as a participant's age, last initial, day of birth, number of siblings, along with the subjects self-reported gender identity, sexual orientation, and race/ethnicity to create a variable that enables us to identify potential duplicate survey respondents and therefore calculate capture-recapture equations with anonymity. This procedure resulted in the elimination of 77 duplicates who we believed, were surveyed more than once. These procedures resulted in a final dataset of 564 unique homeless youth. The survey data were entered into an online data entry program (Qualtrics) and cleaned and analyzed using IBM SPSS.

This study was reviewed and overseen by the Institutional Review Board at Georgia State University (IRB Study Numbers H1050, H18049, H18166). All of the data collected were aggregated and analyzed by an interdisciplinary team of researchers and advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

PROJECT SUBJECTS

The AYC 2018 recruited 564 unique respondents who completed surveys that asked a variety of questions about their demographics, homeless history, childhood experiences and work experiences. A complete copy of our questionnaire is included as an Appendix and is available on our project website at www.atlantayouthcount.weebly.com. Table 1 presents the basic demographic characteristics of the study sample. About half of the sample (52.1%) were

18-21 years of age, 47.5% were 22-25, with only 2.3% of the sample being under the age of 18 at time of study. Respondents were asked about their sex assigned at birth and their gender identity. For the purposes of this analysis, respondents who selected transgender, gender non-conforming, gender queer or other gender identity will be referred to as transgender³. Respondents were also asked about their sexual identity, 72.5% of the sample identified as straight with 23.8% of the sample identifying as lesbian, gay or bisexual and 3.7% of the sample identifying as another sexual orientation. Respondents were asked about their race/ethnicity. The majority of respondents identified as either Black/African American (55.9%) or Multiracial (32.4%).

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Unique Respondents Enrolled in the Atlanta Youth Count 2018

	N	%		N	%
Gender Identity			Age		
Cisgender Man	305	59.7	Under 18	13	2.3
Cisgender Women	173	33.9	18-21	293	52.0
Transgender/Other Gender Identity	33	6.5	22-25	258	45.7
Race/Ethnicity			Sexual Identity		
African American/Black	300	55.9	Straight/Heterosexual	387	72.5
Multiracial	174	32.4	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB)	127	23.8
White/Caucasian	40	7.4	Other Sexual Orientation	20	3.7
Hispanic/Spanish/Latinx	13	2.4			
Other	10	1.9			
Time Homeless			Prior Systems Involvement		
Less than 30 Days	97	18.4	Child Welfare/Foster Care	309	62.9
1 to 2 Months	95	18.0	Juv. Just./Arrest Before 18	237	48.4
3 to 6 Months	115	21.8			
6 Months to 1 Year	75	14.4			
More than 1 Year	145	27.5			

Respondents were asked about their previous homeless history and early life experiences. 27.5% of the sample had been homeless for more than one year of time. Respondents in the

³ Transgender is defined as any youth whose sex assigned at birth does not match their gender identity. Cisgender youth are those who have a matching sex assigned at birth and gender identity.

sample report high levels of trauma, with over half (59.6%) of the sample experiencing high levels of childhood trauma (i.e., reporting more than two adverse childhood experiences). Additionally, our sample was comprised of individual who were involved with various social systems, with 38.1% of our sample being involved in foster care in their childhood, 48.4% being arrested or involved in juvenile justice under the age of 18. Wholly, 62.9% of our sample had either foster care involvement, childhood arrest or both.

DATA ANALYSIS

Estimation of Population of Youth Experiencing Homelessness⁴

Capture-recapture methods were used to estimate the size of the homeless youth population in the metro-Atlanta area. Hand calculations as well as the program *Vmethod* were utilized to estimate the size of the population using different parameters. Because there is no methodological consensus, we elected to use the midpoint of the results from our different statistical estimation procedures as our final estimate.

Prevalence's of Sex and Labor Trafficking Among Homeless Youth

Included in the survey instrument were a series of questions regarding experiences of sex and labor trafficking drawn from the Urban Institute's *Human Trafficking Screening Tool*. Respondents were asked 16 questions about whether they experienced force, fraud, coercion and sexual exploitation. Subjects' experiences were aggregated to determine the raw percentage of individuals who had experienced sex and/or labor trafficking. Additional cross-tabulation

⁴ Full technical details can be found in the Technical Estimation Appendix in the public report titled *AYC 2018: Prevalence of Sex and Labor Trafficking Among Youth Who Experiencing Homelessness Report* available online at www.atlantayouthcount.weebly.com.

analysis were done to look for correlations between sexuality, gender identity, traumatic childhood experiences and chronic homeless status to sex and labor trafficking.

FINDINGS

Estimation of the Population of Youth Experiencing Homelessness

We estimate that there are 3,372 homeless youth in the metro-Atlanta area in a given summer month. This number is much larger than the 2018 HUD reported number for the state of Georgia which is 494 youth in the entire state.

Prevalence of Sex and Labor Trafficking Among Youth Experiencing Homelessness

In Table 2, we summarize our prevalence estimates for experiencing human trafficking ever in their lifetime and while homeless, for each individual item in the Human Trafficking Screening Tool; for the four main categories of trafficking measured embedded in the tool (e.g., force, fraud, coercion or commercial sexual exploitation); and any form of trafficking experienced in their lifetime or while they were homeless. In our sample, 32.5% of youth reported force in their lifetime, and 18.4% reported force while they were homeless. Respondents could experience force if they answered yes to any of the following three questions “Did someone you work for.... 1) Physically force you into doing something you didn’t feel comfortable doing? 2) Lock you up, restrain you or prevent you from leaving? 3) Physically harm you in any way (beat, slap, hit, kick, punch or burn).”

In our sample 40.0% of youth experienced fraud in their lifetime and 25.5% of youth experience fraud while they were homeless. Respondents were coded as experiencing fraud if they answered “Yes” to any of the following three questions: “Did someone you work for....

Table 2: Estimates of the Prevalence of Labor and Sex Trafficking Ever and While Homeless for Youth Respondents Enrolled in the Atlanta Youth Count 2018

		Ever		While Homeless	
		N	%	N	%
Did someone you work for, ever in your life/while homeless, ...					
Force (Any)		163	32.5	92	18.4
	physically force you to do something you didn't feel comfortable doing?	115	23.0	58	11.6
	lock you up, restrain you, or prevent you from leaving?	85	17.1	47	9.5
	physically harm you in any way (beat, slap, hit, kick, punch or burn)?	108	22.0	56	11.4
Fraud (Any)		203	40.0	129	25.5
	trick you into doing different work than was promised?	131	25.9	76	15.1
	make you sign a document without understanding what it stated, like a work contract?	79	15.7	45	9.0
	refuse to pay you or pay you less than they promised?	164	32.7	101	20.2
Coercion (Any)		201	39.2	140	24.8
	restrict or control where you went or who you talked to?	111	22.1	71	12.6
	deprive you of sleep, food, water, or medical care?	85	17.1	56	11.2
	not let you contact family or friends even when you weren't working?	75	15.0	43	8.6
	keep all or most of your money or pay?	116	23.2	72	14.5
	keep your ID documents?	84	16.6	55	10.0
	threaten to get you deported?	40	8.0	26	5.2
	threaten to harm you or your family or pet?	83	16.5	51	10.2
	physically harm or threaten a co-worker or friend?	72	14.4	40	8.0
Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Any)		100	19.9	80	16.0
	force you to do something sexually that you didn't feel comfortable doing?	87	17.4	61	12.2
	put your photo on the internet to find clients to trade sex with?	57	11.4	39	7.8
	force you to engage in sexual acts with family, friend, business associates for money or favors?	56	11.2	38	7.6
	force you to trade sex for money, shelter, food or anything else through online websites, escort services, street prostitution, informal arrangements, brothels, face massage businesses or strip clubs?	67	13.4	49	9.8
Experienced Any Type of Human Trafficking Ever		281	54.1	190	36.7

1)Trick you into doing different work than was promise? 2) Make you sign a document without understanding what it stated like a work contract? 3) Refuse to pay you or pay you less than they promised?”.

In our sample 39.2% of youth experienced coercion at the hands of someone they worked for in their lifetime, and 27.3% of respondents experienced coercion while they were homeless. Respondents were coded as experiencing coercion if they answered yes to any of the following seven questions “Did anyone you work for.... 1)Restrict or control where you went or who you talked to? 2) Deprive you of sleep, food, water or medical care? 3) Not let you contact family or friends when you weren’t working? 4) Keep all of most of your money? 5) Keep your ID documents from you? 6) Threaten to get you deported? 7) Threaten to harm you or your family or pet? 8) Physically harm or threaten a co-worker or friend?”.

Lastly, in our sample we concluded that 19.9% of our sample experienced commercial sexual exploitation in their lifetime and 16.0% of our sample experienced commercial sexual exploitation when homeless. Respondents were coded as experiencing commercial sexual exploitation if they had answered yes to any of the following four questions; “Did someone you work for.... 1) Force you into doing something sexually you didn’t feel comfortable doing? 2) Put your photos on the internet to find clients to trade sex with? 3) Force you to engage in sexual acts with family, friends or business associates for money or favors? 4) Force you to trade sex for money, shelter, food or anything else through online websites, escort services, street prostitution, informal arrangements, brothels, fake massage business or strip clubs?”

Risk Factors for Trafficking

Given the high prevalence of sex and labor trafficking among homeless youth, we examined the bivariate association between each type of trafficking and trafficking overall and select demographic background characteristics, including whether or not a youth reported significant childhood trauma in their background (i.e., reporting more than 2 on the CDC's scale of adverse childhood experiences or ACEs). In this brief summary, we highlight significant bivariate associations at the .05 level or better.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth had a statistically higher risk of experiencing trafficking than their straight peers. While homeless 61.3% of LGB youth experienced trafficking as opposed to 51.2% of their straight peers. And in their lifetime 43.8% of LGB youth experienced human trafficking compared to 34.0% of their straight peers.

Transgender youth has a statistically higher risk of experiencing human trafficking as a whole as compared to their peers. While homeless 71.0% of transgender youth experience human trafficking as opposed to 52.3% of their cisgender peers. And in their lifetime, 64.5% of transgender youth report experiencing trafficking as compared to 34.4% of their cisgender peers.

Youth homeless for more than 1 year of time statistically differ in their experiences of human trafficking from youth who are homeless for shorter periods of time. While homeless, 61.3% of youth homeless more than one year experience human trafficking as opposed to 51.3% of their counterparts who have been homeless for less than 1 year of time. And in their lifetime, 47.8% of youth homeless for more than one year experience human trafficking as opposed to 32% of their counterparts who have been homeless for less than 1 year of time.

Youth who have high levels of childhood trauma statistically differ in their experiences of human trafficking than youth who report no or average levels of trauma. While homeless, 46.7% of youth who experienced high levels of childhood trauma report human trafficking while homeless compared to 18.9% of their average traumatized peers. And in their lifetime, 65.1% of highly traumatized youth experienced trafficking in their lifetime as compared to 37.5% of their average traumatized peers.

Lastly, youth who have childhood systems involvement (youth who had been arrested or in the department of juvenile justice under the age of 18 and those who had been in foster care) statistically differ in their experiences of human trafficking than their non-system involved youth. While homeless, 41.1% of systems involved youth experience human trafficking while homeless as compared to 27.8% of youth who do not have experiences with childhood systems involvement. And in their lifetime, 60.3% of systems involved youth experience human trafficking in their lifetime as opposed to 43.8% of their non-system involved counterparts.

IMPLICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES

Based upon our research, and in particular the high prevalence of homeless youth reporting being labor or sex trafficked as well the risk factors identified, we draw four policy recommendations, which we have shared with the Metro-Atlanta community and will continue to do so in future community reports and academic publications.⁵

- 1) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth stand out as being particularly at risk of being trafficked. We find that LGB and transgender youth both have a higher prevalence

⁵ The AYC 2018 Policy Recommendations Report include recommendations from Service Care Providers, Law Enforcement, Researchers and Youth in the metro-Atlanta area and is available online at www.atlantayouthcount.weebly.com.

of trafficking compared to their heterosexual and cisgender counterparts respectively.

These youth require special attention in the provision of safe and secure services, as well as services that are grounded in trauma-informed care principles.

- 2) Gendered definitions of trafficking need to be expanded. While cisgender female individuals are often portrayed as the main targets of trafficking vulnerabilities, transgender respondents report significantly higher rates of trafficking than their cisgender counterparts (including both male and female cisgender respondents). The full breadth of gender identities need to be understood and accepted to fully serve the transgender youth and effectively address the needs of youth who experience trafficking.
- 3) Early intervention among youth who become homeless is critically important for preventing trafficking and other related negative outcomes. The more time youth spend homeless or experiencing housing insecurity, the more likely they are to be at risk of experiencing trafficking. Service providers should concentrate on both prevention of homelessness of the youth they serve and early housing interventions for those youth experiencing homelessness.
- 4) *Trauma informed care* is imperative for homeless youth who have been trafficked. The homeless youth population had higher than normal experiences of childhood trauma, which may have contributed to their homelessness. Trauma was significantly linked to a youth's experiences with all forms of sex and labor trafficking. Agencies and staff encountering and serving with this subpopulation of homeless youth need to continue to be trained and continuously informed regarding the best and most current practices in trauma informed care.

APPENDIX

ATLANTA YOUTH COUNT 2018 SURVEY INSTRUMENT

Additional information is available online on the project website at:

www.atlantayouthcount.weebly.com

SURVEY NUMBER STICKER



Thank you so much for participating in this survey. For the following questions, please either fill your answer in, or circle the answer that best fits your experience. Unless indicated, please only circle one answer.

Please remember that this survey is anonymous, so please do not use your name or write your name on this survey. Please do not use anyone else's name in your responses either.

Please try to answer the survey completely, but if you do not want to answer a question or you want to stop, you have the right to do so.

The first set of questions will ask about your housing history. Again, please circle one response unless indicated in the question.

Section B

B1.

When was the last time you had a permanent place to stay?

Month/Year ____/____

B2.

What kind of housing was that?
(circle one)

Rental House Apartment

Owned House Transitional Housing

Trailer Rehab Facility

Foster Home

Other: Specify _____

B3.

What was the last zip code, city and state in which you had a permanent residence?

Zip Code ____ _

City: _____

State: _____

B4.

What was the nearest intersection of your last permanent place you stayed? _____

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B5.

Where did you sleep last night?

B6.

Did you feel safe where you slept last night?

YES
(Skip to B7)

NO

B6a.

If you did not feel safe where you slept last night, why?

B7.

Do you expect to be able to stay where you are currently staying for at least two weeks?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B8.

How long have you been homeless
this time?

Less than 1 month
(less than 30 days)

1-2 months
(30-89 days)

3-6 months
(90-180 days)

6 months-1 year
(181-365 days)

More than 1 year
(more than 365 days)

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B9.

Thinking about the last 30 days (in the last month), have you stayed at any of the following places?

Location	Did you stay there in the last month?	
In a house or apartment with my immediate family (parent or guardian) that we rent or own	YES	NO
At another family member's house or apartment	YES	NO
At the house or apartment of a foster parent	YES	NO
At a group home	YES	NO
At my own apartment (I pay rent)	YES	NO
Temporarily staying with friends or couch-surfing	YES	NO
At my boyfriend/girlfriend/partner's home	YES	NO
At a shelter	YES	NO
In a transitional housing program	YES	NO
A treatment facility or center (hospital, detox, etc.)	YES	NO
Inside a car, abandoned building, squatting	YES	NO
At a transit station (subway or bus station or the airport)	YES	NO
At a jail, prison or detention center	YES	NO
Hotel/motel	YES	NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B10.

Is this the first time you have been homeless?

YES
(skip to B11)

NO

B10a.

How old were you the first time you became homeless?

Age: _____

B10b.

Where were you the first time you became homeless?

City: _____

State: _____

B10c.

Who were you with when you first became homeless?

On my own/alone

With biological family

With significant other

With friends

Other: _____

B10d.

Including this time, how many times have you been homeless in the past 3 years?

1

2

3

4

5 or more

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B11.

Have you ever been denied access or turned away from a shelter?

YES

NO
(Skip to B12)

B11a.

If you have been denied access or turned away from a shelter, what shelter denied or turned you away?

Shelter(s) Name:

B11b.

What reason did the shelter(s) give you for denying or turning you away?

Reason:

B12.

Have you been contacted by a homeless service provider in the last month?

YES

NO (skip to B13)

B12a.

If you have been contacted by a service provider in the last month, please list the service provider/agency's name:

Service Provider's Name:

B13.

Do you currently receive any type of rental assistance or hotel/motel voucher from an agency, church or other service provider?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

B14.

What happened that put you in your current housing situation?

B15.

How has your time homeless prepared you for other bad things that may have happened to you?

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

The next section will ask some questions about you. Please only circle one response unless indicated otherwise.

Section C

C1.

What is the first letter of your legal last name? _____

C2.

Where were you born?

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____
(if outside the USA, answer C2a)

C2a.

Did anyone help or force you to come to the United States?

Yes, someone helped me

Yes, someone forced me

No

C3.

On what day of the month were you born? I don't need your full birthdate, just the day. For example, I was born November 6th, so my response would be the number 6.

XX/_____/XXXX

C4.

How many biological brothers and sisters do you have? _____

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

C5.

What sex were you assigned at birth?

Male

Female

Intersex

Something Else
(Please Specify)

C6.

Circle all that apply. I consider myself to be...

Man/Male

Woman/Female

Part-Time in both

Gender Queer

Transgender

Intersex

Gender Non-
Conforming

Something Else
(Please Specify)

C7.

Check all that you identify with:

Straight (*Skip to c8*)

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Other: _____

C7a.

If you consider yourself to be LESBIAN, GAY, or BISEXUAL, circle all individuals who you have come out to.

Family

Friends

Caseworkers

Service providers

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

C8.

Do you consider yourself to be
Hispanic or Latino?

YES

NO

C9.

What race do you consider yourself?
Please circle all that apply.

White/Caucasian

Black/African American

Asian

Native American/Alaskan Native

Pacific Islander

Multiracial

Something Else
(Please Specify)

C10.

Are you a parent?

YES

NO

(Skip to C11)

C10a.

How many children have you
ever had? (please count all that
were born alive at any time)

Number of Children:

C10b.

Do your child/children live with
you?

YES all my children

YES some of my children

No

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

C11.	YES	NO
Are you currently attending school?		<i>(Skip to C12)</i>

C11a. If you are attending school, what school?	School Name: <hr/>
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C12.		
What is the highest level of education you finished?	4 th grade	5 th grade
	6 th grade	7 th grade
	8 th grade	9 th grade
	10 th grade	11 th grade
	12 th grade-did not graduate	HS Diploma
	GED	Some College
	2 year, vocational or technical	Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

In this section, you will be asked about your physical health.

Section D.

D1.

Would you say that in general your health is...

Poor

Fair

Good

Very Good

Excellent

D2.

Please list to the right any chronic health problems you may experience.

Health Conditions

D3.

Have you been tested for HIV?

YES

NO

D4.

Please circle any of the following that you have been diagnosed with:

HIV

TB

Hepatitis

STI other than HIV

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

D5.

In the last year, how many times have you gone to the hospital or ER for healthcare services?

D6.

Do you have a regular place to go (other than the ER) or a health professional you see regularly for healthcare?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

In this section, I would like you to think about how you feel. Please circle one response.

Section E

In the past 30 days about how often did you feel...

E1.

Nervous?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

E2.

Hopeless?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

E3.

Restless or fidgety?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

In the past 30 days about how often did you feel...

E4.

So depressed that nothing could cheer
you up?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

E5.

That everything was an effort?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

E6.

Worthless?

None of the time

A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

E7.

Altogether, how much did these feelings interfere with your life or activities?

A lot

Some

A little

Not at all

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Next, we are going to talk about your drug and alcohol usage over the past year.

Section F

F1.

Have you ridden in a car driven by someone (including yourself) who was “high” or had been using alcohol or drugs?

YES

NO

F2.

Did you drink any alcohol (more than a few sips)?

YES

NO

F3.

Did you smoke any marijuana or hashish?

YES

NO

F4.

Did you use anything else to get high? This includes over the counter drugs, illegal drugs, prescription drugs and things that you sniff or “huff”.

YES

NO

F4a.

Did any of the other drugs you use include opiates (fentanyl, oxycodone, heroin, methadone)?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Please answer F5-F9 if you have USED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN THE PAST YEAR.

If you have NOT used drugs or alcohol in the past year, please skip to section G.

F5.

Do you use any alcohol or drugs to relax, feel better about yourself, or fit in?

YES

NO

F6.

Do you use alcohol or drugs while you are by yourself or alone?

YES

NO

F7.

Do you forget things while using drugs or alcohol?

YES

NO

F8.

Do your friends or family tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?

YES

NO

F9.

Have you gotten into trouble while you were using alcohol or drugs?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

The next set of questions are going to ask you about some things that may have happened to you during your childhood and your life.

Please circle one response unless otherwise noted.

Section G

G1.

Before you were 18, did you live with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill or suicidal?

YES

NO

G2.

Before you were 18, did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic?

YES

NO

G3.

Before you were 18, did you live with anyone who used illegal street drugs or who abused prescription medication?

YES

NO

G4.

Before you were 18, did you live with anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a prison, jail or other correctional facility?

YES

NO

G5.

Before you were 18, were your parents separated or divorced?

YES

NO

Parents
Not
married

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

G6. Before you were 18, how often did PARENTS in your home ever...

G6a.

Slap, hit, kick, punch or beat each other up?	Never	Once	More than once
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G6b.

Hit, beat, kick or physically hurt you in any way? (do not include spanking)	Never	Once	More than once
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G6c.

Swear at you, insult you or put you down?	Never	Once	More than once
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G7. Before you were 18, how often did anyone at least 5 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU or AN ADULT...

G7a.

Touch you sexually?	Never	Once	More than once
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G7b.

Try to make you touch them sexually?	Never	Once	More than once
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G7c.

Force you to have sex?	Never	Once	More than once
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Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

For the next set of questions, answer for your involvement in your entire lifetime.

G8.

Has a child welfare service caseworker ever come to your home to provide services to your family? (This includes preventative or support services—not foster care removal.)

YES

NO

G9.

Have you ever been in state mandated mental health treatment?

YES

NO

G10.

Have you ever been involved with mental health counseling?

YES

NO

G11.

Have you ever been involved in substance abuse treatment?

YES

NO

G12.

Have you ever been involved with the department of juvenile justice (i.e. been arrested, been on probation, placed in a non-secure or secure facility) before the age of 18?

YES

NO

G13.

Have you ever been involved with the adult criminal justice system?

YES

NO

G14.

Have you been adopted?

YES

NO

G15.

Have you ever been in foster care?

YES

NO

(skip to section H)

G16.

Are you currently in foster care?

YES

NO

(Skip to G17)

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

G16a.

Which of the following best describes your current foster care placement?

With relative(s) who are also my foster parents

In a group home or residential facility

I choose to skip this question

Other: _____

G17.

How much total time have you spent in foster care, adding together all foster care placements over the course of your entire life?

Time Spent in Foster Care

_____ days/months/years

G18.

How many different foster care placements have you had in your life?

0

1

2-3

4-6

More than 6

G19.

How old were you when you were first placed in care? (Enter 0 if you were less than 1 year old.)

Age

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

G20.

How long have you been in your
current or most recent foster care
placement?

Less than 6 months

6 months to 1 year

1 to 5 years

More than 5 years

My whole life

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

In the next questions, you will be asked about your sex life.

Section H

H1.

People are different in their sexual attraction to other people. In general, which of the following best describes your feelings?

Only attracted to females

Mostly attracted to females

Equally attracted to females and males

Mostly attracted to males

Only attracted to males

Gender does not matter

Not sure

Something Else: _____

H2.

Have you had sex with anyone in the past year?

YES

NO
(skip to Section I)

H3.

Please circle the gender(s) of sexual partners you have had in the past year (circle all that apply.)

Men

Women

Trans Men

Trans Women

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

H3a.

How many people
have you had sex with
in the past year for
pleasure or because
you wanted to?

_____Men

_____Women

_____Trans Men

_____Trans Women

H4.

In thinking about your sexual
experience in the past year, how
often do you use condoms during
anal or vaginal sex?

All of the time

Most of the time

About half of the time

Some of the time

Never

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

The next section will ask about your interactions with law enforcement.

Section I

I1. Have you been arrested as a child, an adult or both?	Child	
	Adult	
	Both	
	Never Arrested	
I2. In the past year, have you been questioned or stopped by police or other law enforcement?	YES	NO
I3. In the past year, have you spent any time in jail/prison?	YES	NO (skip to section J)
I4. How many days did you spend in jail/prison in the last year?	_____	
I5. Where did you spend time in jail/prison? (Circle all that apply.)	Atlanta City Detention Center	Clayton Co. Jail
	Department of Juvenile Justice	Cobb Co. Jail
	Fulton Co. Jail	Dekalb Co. Jail
	Gwinnett Co. Jail	GA Dept. of Corrections
	Other:_____	

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

16.

What were you arrested for most recently? (Choose all that apply.)

Trespassing

Loitering

Urban camping

Theft

Prostitution (loitering for illicit sex)

Drug Related

Disorderly Conduct

Probation/Parole violation

Assault

Other: _____

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Next, you will be asked about people who may support you in your life. Remember, please do not use anyone else's names in your responses.

Section J

J1.

Do you have family members who you can talk to about important matters or turn to when you have a problem? By family members, I mean people who are related to you by birth or marriage.

None 1 2 3 4 or more

J2.

Do you have friends your age you can talk to about important matters or turn to for help when you have a problem?

None 1 2 3 4 or more

J3.

Do you have people five years older than you or adults who you can talk to about important matters or turn to for help when you have a problem?

None 1 2 3 4 or more

J4.

Do you have professionals you can talk to about important matters or turn to for help when you have a problem?

None 1 2 3 4 or more

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

J5.

Are you in a relationship or dating anyone right now?

YES

NO

J6.

Are you legally married?

YES

NO

J7.

Do you have people in your life that are not related to you by blood who you consider to be your family? This includes people in your squad, crew, chosen family, people in an LGBT house, church family, etc.

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

The next portion will ask you about your work experience.

K1.

Which of the following kinds of work have you ever done for someone? Keep in mind that by “work” we mean anything you did to get money or something of value—including food, clothes and place to stay, protection, drugs or gifts—for yourself (or your family.) Please check ALL that apply.

- ☐ Serving food at a restaurant or café
- ☐ Another type of job at a restaurant or café
- ☐ In a retail store (clothing store, grocery store, convenience store, at the mall, etc.)
- ☐ Doing construction work or other home repairs (painting, plumbing, electricity, etc.)
- ☐ Mowing lawns, shoveling, sidewalks or other yard work
- ☐ Office work (answering phones, filing, etc.)
- ☐ Selling items door-to-door
- ☐ Selling items, dancing or performing on the street or in subways
- ☐ Asking for change or donations on the street or in the subway
- ☐ Trading sex for money, clothes, shelter or other things
- ☐ Participating in sexual videos or photos for money, clothes, shelter or other things
- ☐ Stripping
- ☐ Babysitting
- ☐ Cleaning Homes
- ☐ Delivering newspapers, restaurant food, groceries or other things to people’s homes
- ☐ Doing nails or braiding hair
- ☐ I choose to skip this question
- ☐ Other: _____

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

K2.

Thinking about ALL the work you have done in the past month, please list the TOP THREE things you have done to make money.

Work	Income	
<u>Example:</u> Panhandling	\$70	<div>Daily</div> <div>Weekly</div> <div>Monthly</div>
		<div>Daily</div> <div>Weekly</div> <div>Monthly</div>
		<div>Daily</div> <div>Weekly</div> <div>Monthly</div>
		<div>Daily</div> <div>Weekly</div> <div>Monthly</div>

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Have you had any of the following incidents happen to you at the hands of your employers or people working for your employer?

K3.

Did someone you work for....

K3a. Physically force you to do something you didn't feel comfortable doing?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K3b. Lock you up, restrain you, or prevent you from leaving?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K3c. Physically harm you in any way (beat, slap, hit, kick, punch or burn)?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

K4.**Did someone you work for....**

K4a. Trick you into doing different work than was promised?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K4b. Make you sign a document without understanding what is stated, like a work contract?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K4c. Refuse to pay you or pay you less than they promised?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

K5.**Did someone you work for....****K5a.**

Restrict or control where you went or who you talked to?

Ever in YES NO
your life?

In the past YES NO
year

While YES NO
homeless?

K5b.

Deprive you of sleep, food, water or medical care?

Ever in YES NO
your life?

In the past YES NO
year

While YES NO
homeless?

K5c.

Not let you contact family or friends even when you weren't working?

Ever in YES NO
your life?

In the past YES NO
year

While YES NO
homeless?

K5d.

Keep all or most of your money or pay?

Ever in YES NO
your life?

In the past YES NO
year

While YES NO
homeless?

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Did someone you work for....

K5e. Keep your ID documents (e.g. ID card, license, passport, social security card, birth certificate) from you?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K5f. Threaten to get you deported?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K5g. Threaten to harm you or your family or pet?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO
K5h. Physically harm or threaten a co-worker or friend?	<u>Ever in your life?</u>	YES	NO
	<u>In the past year</u>	YES	NO
	<u>While homeless?</u>	YES	NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

K6.**Did someone you work for....****K6a.**

Force you to do something sexually
that you didn't feel comfortable
doing?

Ever in
your life?

YES

NO

In the past
year

YES

NO

While
homeless?

YES

NO

K6b.

Put your photo on the internet to find
clients to trade sex with?

Ever in
your life?

YES

NO

In the past
year

YES

NO

While
homeless?

YES

NO

K6c.

Force you to engage in sexual acts with
family, friends or business associates
for money or favors?

Ever in
your life?

YES

NO

In the past
year

YES

NO

While
homeless?

YES

NO

K6d.

Force you to trade sex for money,
shelter, food, or anything else through
online websites, escort services, street
prostitution, informal arrangements,
brothels, fake massage businesses or
strip clubs?

Ever in
your life?

YES

NO

In the past
year

YES

NO

While
homeless?

YES

NO

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please answer the following question—Otherwise skip to K8.

How old were you when you were placed in any of the following work situations described above?

Age: _____

K7.

YES

NO

(Skip to Section L)

In your life, have you ever—on your own—traded sex for money, shelter, food or anything else? Do not count times that you worked for someone else.

K7a.

YES

NO

In the past year, did you—on your own—trade sex for money, shelter, food or anything else? Do not count times that you worked for someone else.

K7b.

AGE: _____

How old were you when you first traded sex for money, shelter, food or anything else on your own?

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Finally, the last questions are about your attitudes towards the future.

Section L

L1.

When thinking about your future, how do you see it?

Positive

Mostly Positive

Not Positive or Negative

Mostly Negative

Negative

L2.

What happens to me in the future mostly depends on me.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

L3.

I can do just about anything I set my mind to.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

L4.

My future is what I make of it.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

L5.

I just live for today.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

L6.

It's really no use worrying about the future because what will be will be.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

L7. Each person is unique with different dreams and aspirations in life. What are your biggest dreams and aspirations?

L8. When thinking about your dreams and aspirations along with your living situation, how could someone help you?

L9. Lastly, thinking about everything we talked about today, is there anything else you would like to share with us?

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

Section M.

M1. Did you go to any of the “Count Me” events organized through the city of Atlanta this January? (flyer below)

YES

NO



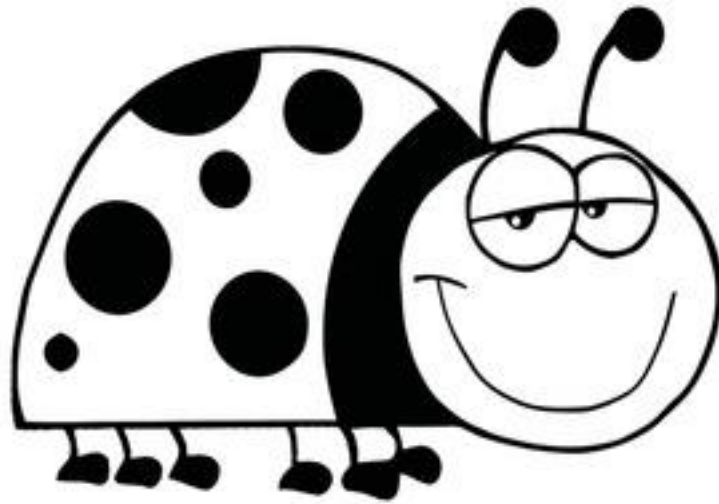
M2. Have you ever seen the picture below before?

YES

NO



Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.



M3. Please describe the picture above:

Thank you so much for completing our survey!! Please talk to a member of the research team to receive your gift card!

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

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SURVEY NUMBER STICKER

DATE	INTERVIEWER ID	TEAM ID
START TIME OF SURVEY ____:____ AM/PM	END TIME OF SURVEY ____:____ AM/PM	
SELF ADMINISTERED	INTERVIEWER ADMINISTERED	
PLACE OF INTERVIEW		
INTERVIEWER NOTES		

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.

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SECTION A MUST BE COMPLETED BY AN INTERVIEWER

Section A

A1. How old are you?	Age: __ __	
A2. Are you living on your own right now? That is, are you trying to live without significant support of your family? (i.e. runaway, living alone on the streets etc.?)	YES	NO
A3a. In the past month, did you double up or stay overnight with friends, relatives or someone you didn't know well because you didn't have a regular, adequate, and safe place to stay?	YES	NO
A3b. In the past month did you stay in a motel or hotel because you had nowhere else to sleep?	YES	NO
A3c. In the past month, did you stay in a shelter or other facility that provides short-term housing for people who do not have their own place to sleep?	YES	NO
A3d. In the past month, did you stay overnight in a car, park, public place, abandoned building, bus or train station or airport because you didn't have a regular adequate and safe place to sleep?	YES	NO

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE STUDY, INDIVIDUALS NEED TO BE 14-25 YEARS OF AGE, ANSWER YES TO A2, & ANSWER YES TO ONE QUESTION IN A3.

**Thank you! You are eligible for the study. Before we start the survey, we are going to go over some information about your involvement in the study.
(INFORMED CONSENT)**

Please remember, you can skip any questions you may not want to answer.