

Appendix D

Youth Survey Results

Four forms of the Youth Survey were developed and administered:

- ◆ Long version, English - received 163 valid responses
- ◆ Long version, Spanish - received 5 valid responses
- ◆ Short version, English - received 103 valid responses
- ◆ Short version, Spanish - received 12 valid responses

To gather as much information as possible on the electronic versions of the surveys, most survey questions were not required. Requiring respondents to answer questions can lead to survey abandonment, particularly if they encounter a question they find uncomfortable. This results in varying number of responses for each survey question. In addition, because of the number of questions included, split sampling was used in the online versions of the surveys, meaning that not every youth was asked to respond to every question. They were randomly split by the system to answer subsets of the questions.

To gather as much geographical information as possible, respondents were asked to provide their home zip code and their city of residence. In cases where the zip code did not correspond to the city, the city was used, with one exception. When the respondent indicated Alachua as the city, but a zip code that was not Alachua, the city was recoded to the city indicated by the provided zip code. In those cases, it was surmised that the respondent likely thought the request was for “county” instead of “city.” This led to the recoding of 55 responses from Alachua to some other city (predominantly Gainesville).

1. What is your home zip code?

Zip Code	#	%
32601	26	9%
32602	15	5%
32603	2	1%
32604	3	1%
32605	6	2%
32606	16	6%
32607	31	11%
32608	18	6%
32609	16	6%
32610	1	0%
32611	2	1%
32612	8	3%
32614	1	0%
32615	6	2%
32618	11	4%

32622	1	0%
32627	1	0%
32631	1	0%
32640	19	7%
32641	17	6%
32643	5	2%
32653	10	4%
32654	1	0%
32662	1	0%
32666	2	1%
32667	9	3%
32669	8	3%
32694	2	1%
Don't Know/ None of the above/ No Response	44	16%
Total	283	

2. In what city do you live?

Recoded City	#	%
Alachua	8	3%
Archer	11	4%
Brooker	4	1%
Earleton	1	0%
Evinston	1	0%
Gainesville	183	65%
Hawthorne	21	7%
High Springs	6	2%
La Crosse	1	0%
Lochloosa	1	0%
Melrose	2	1%
Micanopy	10	4%
Newberry	8	3%
Waldo	3	1%
None of the above/ No Response	23	8%
Total	283	

Physical and Mental Health Supports

For these questions and similar subsequent questions, the long versions of the surveys included a 5-point Likert scale, while the short versions included a 3-point scale. Responses from the long surveys have been combined to report on the 3-point scale (“strongly agree” and “agree” combined; “strongly disagree” and “disagree” combined).

“No response” responses were ignored for these questions and similar subsequent questions. These questions were included in the Long and Short versions. Split sampling was used for these questions in the online version.

Statement	#	Disagree	Undecided	Agree
3. I have been to the dentist in the past year.	154	31%	9%	60%
4. I have had a regular checkup with a doctor in the past year.	149	22%	9%	69%
5. I have had my vision checked by a doctor in the past year.	152	27%	10%	63%
6. On most days, there is enough food in my home and I don't go hungry.	154	12%	8%	80%
7. In the past year, I've felt sad or hopeless for two or more weeks in a row and stopped doing usual activities.	155	57%	15%	28%
8. I have several really good friends who are close to my age.	155	21%	10%	70%
9. When I have a problem, I know at least one person I can talk with about it.	154	14%	11%	75%

10. If I miss school, it is usually because:

Miss School	#	%
I am sick	23	56%
I don't want to go to school	2	5%
I have no way to get to school	5	12%
My family needs me at home	5	12%
Don't Know/ Other (please specify)	6	15%
Total	41	

Educational Engagement and Supports

These questions were not included in the Short version. Split sampling was used for these questions in the online version.

Statement	#	Disagree	Undecided	Agree
11. My family cares about whether I do well in school.	63	8%	17%	75%
12. If I need it, I know where I can get academic tutoring, either at my school or outside of school.	63	11%	19%	70%
13. If I have a problem, I know at least one adult in my school who I could ask for help.	63	24%	17%	59%
14. My teachers have high expectations of me.	63	6%	37%	57%
15. My teachers make me feel good about myself.	61	21%	30%	49%
16. I am learning useful things at school.	63	16%	30%	54%
17. I participate in at least one extracurricular activity at my school, such as sports, clubs, student council, etc.	63	33%	21%	46%
18. My education will create many chances for me to reach my future goals.	62	15%	19%	66%
19. School is important for achieving my future goals.	60	13%	17%	70%
20. I am hopeful about my future.	62	11%	16%	73%

Afterschool and Outside-of-School Opportunities

These questions were included in the Long and Short versions. Split sampling was used for these questions in the online version.

Statement	#	Disagree	Undecided	Agree
21. There is a public library close to where I live.	169	25%	18%	57%
22. I have good-quality Internet access at home.	169	22%	5%	73%
23. There is a park or other public space close to where I live.	168	18%	7%	74%
24. I am involved with at least one group outside of school, such as community sports, community center, church, dance lessons, community theater, book club, etc.	171	30%	12%	57%
25. There are plenty of opportunities in my neighborhood for people my age to play recreational sports.	170	36%	19%	45%
26. I am currently on a recreational sports team or go to recreational athletics classes, such as swim or yoga lessons.	170	56%	15%	29%
27. If I need it, there is plenty of local transportation (such as city buses) available so that I can get to various activities.	171	35%	15%	51%
28. I often lack transportation to attend local activities in which I would like to participate.	170	54%	14%	32%

29. What afterschool or outside-of-school activities would you be interested in participating in (that are not currently available or accessible)? (Youth could provide multiple answers.) (131 youth responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Sports (general, archery, figure skating, majorettes, baseball, girls basketball, fitness club, cheer, softball, soccer, volley ball)	21	20%
Rugby	12	11%
Football (including tackle football for girls)	11	10%
Basketball	6	6%
Community Pool/Swimming	5	5%
Track	5	5%
Cooking classes/clubs	4	4%
Dance classes	4	4%
Gymnastics	4	4%
Learning Skills (including English classes and how to do hair)	4	4%
Working	4	4%
Computer programming classes/ Gaming	3	3%

Movie Club	3	3%
Martial Arts	2	2%
Book club	2	2%
Financial literacy classes	2	2%
Music/music production	2	2%
More activities for kids	2	2%
Gaming and playing with friends	2	2%
Other (including church, drawing class, art class, photography class, science club, parent support program, health services)	9	8%
Total	107	

My Neighborhood

These questions were included in the Long and Short versions. Split sampling was not used in the online version.

Statement	#	Disagree	Undecided	Agree
30. My neighborhood is a good place to grow up.	279	17%	32%	51%
31. My family currently lives in a house/apartment with all these things: running water, access to a kitchen area, and access to clothes washing machines.	279	11%	11%	78%
32. It is not safe to hang out outside in my neighborhood.	274	51%	25%	23%
33. In the past month I did not go to school at least one day because I felt unsafe at school or on the way to/from school.	277	66%	19%	14%

34. A major challenge in my neighborhood is _____. (126 youth responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Poor/No After school tutoring	33	25%
Meeting other kids	14	11%
Fighting/Violence/Gang Violence/Lack of Safety	11	8%
No/Poor internet	9	7%
Lack of sport facilities/playgrounds	8	6%
Cleanliness/Littering	6	5%
Criminal activity (including drug dealing)	6	5%
Animals (including wild, loose dogs, and bugs)	5	4%
Traffic, speeding	5	4%
Clean water	4	3%
Lack of health care services	4	3%
Streets/Lighting	4	3%
Transportation	4	3%
Lack of activities	3	2%
Lack of crosswalks/sidewalks	3	2%
Hunger among children	2	2%
Other (including hunters, inadequate housing, cost, lack of space, nighttime noise, lack of healthy food, substance abuse, and truancy)	10	8%
Total	131	

35. If I had the power to improve one thing in my neighborhood, I would: _____. (171 youth responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Improve safety	35	20%
Public Health	34	20%
Playgrounds, parks, sports facilities	22	13%
Improve cleanliness	11	6%
Improve internet	9	5%
Affordable housing/add housing/Improve housing	8	5%
Improve streets, sidewalks	8	5%
Health Care/Health care center	5	3%
Activities for youth	3	2%
Food program	3	2%
Neighborhood socials	3	2%
Funding	2	1%
Improve education	2	1%
More people my age	2	1%
Training program/Job opportunities	2	1%
Care for environment/Clean water	2	1%
Other	23	14%
Total	174	

The Children's Trust

36. The mission of the Children's Trust of Alachua County is to "fund and support a coordinated system of community services that allows all youth and their families to thrive." How can the Children's Trust support you in becoming a successful adult? (Only asked on the Long version, without split sampling. 127 youth responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Support quality education	45	31%
Activities for youth	18	13%
Make school more relevant/Educate on "adult skills"	13	9%
Funding, including funding their school, funding charities, and paying for afterschool programs	10	7%
Mental health supports, including supports for LGBTQ and neurodivergent youth	6	4%
Support career goals	5	3%
Education support, including college scholarship and college prep resources	4	3%
Sports facilities	3	2%
Healthy food	3	2%
Health care services	2	1%
Job opportunities/Job resources	2	1%
Support school clubs	2	1%
Nothing specific	20	14%
Other	10	7%
Total	143	

37. Would you be interested in providing your input to the Trust regarding services and supports for children, youth, and teens?

A total of 17 indicated interest and provided a valid email address.

Demographics

38. In what grade are you in school?

Grade	#	%
6 th	33	12%
7 th	29	10%
8 th	30	11%
9 th	64	23%
10 th	26	9%
11 th	26	9%
12 th	45	16%
No response	30	11%
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39. Please provide your gender identification.

Gender	#	%
Female	130	46%
Male	126	45%
Non-Binary	4	1%
Prefer not to say/ No response	23	8%
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40. Please provide your race/ethnic identification. (Respondents could select multiple.)

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
American Indian or Alaskan	7	2%
Asian	6	2%
Black or African-American	145	50%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	2%
White	83	28%
Multiracial	16	5%
Other	7	2%
Hispanic/Latino	20	7%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	3	1%
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41. Is your family currently homeless of living with another family?

Homeless	#	%
Yes	10	4%
No	147	52%
Not Sure	6	2%
No response	120	42%
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42. Is there anything else you'd like to share regarding the Children's Trust or supports/opportunities for youth and their families in Alachua County?

- ◆ *Gainesville Bridge Literacy Program helps me after school.*
- ◆ *it would be an good thing to gain trust*
- ◆ *It would be nice if schools forced more students to get into extracurricular activities.*
- ◆ *Let's make it bigger and stronger together and create more brilliance*
- ◆ *mental health services should be easier to access*
- ◆ *More activity for the Hispanic people*
- ◆ *Provide assistance*
- ◆ *Stop car from speeding in the neighborhood and game hunting*
- ◆ *Teens need positive options (academic and social) other than sports/recreation.*
- ◆ *Thank you for providing this survey!*
- ◆ *They are greatly impacting lives around.*