

Los Angeles Community Child Abuse Councils 2010 Community Assessment

1. What part of LA County do you identify as your community? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	African American Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian Pacific Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	GLTB Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	East Los Angeles
<input type="checkbox"/>	East San Gabriel Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foothill Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Beach Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Fernando/Santa Clarita Valleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	West San Gabriel Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Westside
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify		

2. How many years have you worked/lived within this community? (Choose what applies)

Years	Less than one	1-5	5-10	10-20	More than 20
Worked					
Lived					

3. Are you a parent? (Circle the answers that apply)

Natural		Adoptive		Foster	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

4. Based on your experience, what do you see as the top three unmet needs of children and families in your community? (Please mark the top three needs with number 1, 2, 3.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable, high quality child care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good preschools
<input type="checkbox"/>	After school programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community recreational programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mentors for kids	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe recreational areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Better education/schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs/job training
<input type="checkbox"/>	More low cost housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Help for the homeless
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexually transmitted diseases	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen pregnancies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parenting education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classes in anger management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical assistance and follow up for mandated reporters		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify		

5. If you had the resources you need, what would you do to meet those needs? (Please check the three most important.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Involve schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involve parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	One-stop family service center	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anger management classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	More low income Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Educate re: the importance of family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase family planning services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Violence prevention programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Offer incentives for parent participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Train mandated reporters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify		

6. What **obstacles** would you expect to encounter? (Please check the three most important.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Resistance in the schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of family commitment to stay together
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of agreement on curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resistance from parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of public will	<input type="checkbox"/>	Money!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Politics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inconvenient or lack of transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify		

7. What do you see as the **top three assets** of children and families in your community? (Please number the top three assets number 1, 2, 3)

	Solid schools		Good housing
	Quality recreational programs		Established local service providers
	Collaborative community services		Well defined geographic boundaries
	Excellent deaf services		Increasingly deliberate family planning
	Family connections		Parents' resiliency
	Cultural connections		Strong faith based support
	Other, please specify		

8. Based on all the information above, what would be the **first steps** to move toward the goal of improving life for children and families in your community? (Check the first three steps.)

	County-wide plan that includes all communities
	Building teamwork between public and private agencies
	Involve police, hospitals and businesses
	Use Child Abuse Councils to bring together community partners
	Involve and present programs for High Schools
	Focus on increasing parental involvement
	Connecting families to the agencies that can help them
	Other, please specify

9. What has **succeeded** in your community in recent years? (Check all that apply)

	Programs offered through the "Cultural Arts Commission" and the Library
	Community partnerships funded by First Five
	Our community works well through the Child Abuse Council
	Leveraging of resources
	Cooperating agencies are successful in the DEAF community
	Parent education and support
	Gay/Straight alliances in schools
	Mental health services offered in schools
	Children's safety and health fairs
	Other, please specify

10. **What** have **you learned** from these successes? (Check all that apply)

	LA is a big place - People downtown forget the outlying areas
	It may be that in our current economy, the time is not right for large scale projects
	How to operate successful programs
	When people come to know each other, they become more tolerant and accepting
	Good communication is essential in order to get cooperation from the community
	Fun events can be places to learn about parenting skills and child safety
	Other, please specify

11. Studies show that when "The Five Protective Factors" are present in a family, the likelihood of child abuse and neglect decreases. What do you know about "**The Five Protective Factors**?" (Check 1)

	Never heard of them		Have heard of them, but don't remember what they are		Very familiar with them		Familiar and trying to apply them
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Thank you for participating in this community assessment! Our goal is to truly respond to the genuine needs of the communities within Los Angeles County.