



## Online Screener

This project is a three year, mixed-methods, youth participatory action research project (YPAR). Put simply, YPAR means that youth are the researchers in charge of asking questions and finding answers. We are hoping to improve our understanding of youth's experiences with community violence in Washington, D.C.

By community violence, we mean violence that occurs in public spaces between people or small groups who may or may not know each other. Findings will be used to inform new and ongoing community safety strategies in Washington, D.C.

Youth researchers are conducting this project. Child Trends and Sasha Bruce Youthwork support the youth researchers. This project is funded by the National Institute of Justice (#15PNIJ-22-GG-01420-RESS).

We are conducting interviews and focus groups with young people, parents and/or guardian figures of young people, and community members living in Wards 7 and 8 of Washington, D.C. to learn more about their experiences with community violence. The interviews will last 60 minutes and focus groups will last 90 minutes. Both will happen in person. To thank you for your time, you will receive a \$30 electronic gift card for joining the study.

**To protect your privacy, you will be asked to create a made-up name.** We will use this made-up name when interacting with you to protect your identity. We care about keeping your information private. You do not have to participate, or join, the study.

**To see if you can join the study, please answer a few questions on this survey.** If you would rather have someone at Child Trends ask you these questions over the phone, you can text Child Trends at (202) 335-0960 to schedule a time for someone from Child Trends to call you.

If you would like to learn more about the study before you fill out this survey, you can click here [\[link to study information page\]](#), email Child Trends at [dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org](mailto:dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org), or text us at (202) 335-0960.

### Page #1: Contact Information

Please share your contact information so that we can get in touch with you. If you cannot finish the questionnaire on the next page, we will reach out to help you complete it. We will also contact you to set up an interview or group discussion (focus group) if you are eligible to join our study.

**[Only questions 1, 2, and 3 in this section should be marked REQUIRED]**

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1. What would you like us to call you? Please create a made-up name. We will use this made-up name when interacting with you to protect your identity. **[OPEN RESPONSE]**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your email address? **[OPEN RESPONSE]** \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your phone number? **[OPEN RESPONSE]** \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the best method for contacting you?
  - Email
  - Text message
5. What is the code on your recruitment card? **[OPEN RESPONSE]** \_\_\_\_\_

**[INSERT SCREENSHOT OF RECRUITMENT CARD SHOWING WHERE THE CODE IS]**

6. How would you like to participate? (You can choose more than one response)
  - Interview
  - Focus group (group discussion)
  - No preference
7. Are there any days of the week that work best for you for either a 60-minute interview or 90-minute focus group? [Check all that apply]
  - Mondays
  - Tuesdays
  - Wednesdays
  - Thursdays
  - Fridays
  - Weekends
  - No preference
8. Are there any times that work best for you for a 60-minute interview or 90-minute focus group? [Check all that apply]
  - Early Morning (8-10)
  - Morning (10-12)
  - Afternoon (12-2)
  - Mid-Afternoon (2-5)
  - Early Evening (5-7)
  - Evening (7-9)
  - No preference

**[CLICK NEXT]**

**Page #2: Eligibility**

To see if you are eligible to join the study, please answer the following questions.

**[All questions in this section should be marked REQUIRED]**

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1. What are your experiences with community violence in Washington, D.C.? Community violence is any violence that occurs in public spaces between individuals or small groups who may or may not know each other. **Check all that apply.**
  - Survivor
  - Perpetrator
  - Witness
  - Parent, guardian, or family member of a survivor, perpetrator, or witness
  - No exposure to community violence **SCREEN OUT**
  
2. How old are you?
  - 13 years old or younger **SCREEN OUT**
  - 14-17
  - 18-24
  - 25-29
  - 30-39
  - 40-49
  - 50-59
  - 60-69
  - 70 or older
  - Prefer not to answer

**[INCLUDE MAP OF WARDS]**

3. What ward of Washington DC do you live in?
  - Ward 1
  - Ward 2
  - Ward 3
  - Ward 4
  - Ward 5
  - Ward 6
  - Ward 7
  - Ward 8
  - I do not live in Washington DC
  
4. What ward of Washington DC do you work in?
  - Ward 1
  - Ward 2
  - Ward 3
  - Ward 4
  - Ward 5
  - Ward 6
  - Ward 7
  - Ward 8
  - I do not work in Washington DC

**SCREEN OUT if they do not live OR work in Ward 7 and 8**

5. What neighborhood do you live OR work in [select all that apply]?

- Deanwood
- Capitol View
- Benning Heights
- Marshall Heights
- Hillcrest
- Dupont Park
- Penn Branch
- Randle Highlands
- River Terrace
- Parkside
- Mayfair
- Eastland Gardens
- Kingman Park
- Hill East/Reservation 13
- Anacostia
- Congress Heights
- Washington Highlands
- Bellevue

**[SCREEN OUT if a neighborhood where we are not focusing our efforts is selected]**

**[STOP SCREENER]:** Unfortunately, you are not eligible to join our study. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at [dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org](mailto:dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org) or text us at (202) 335-0960. Thank you for your time.

**[ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS]:** Thank you! You are eligible to join the study. We have a couple follow-up questions to ask you. It will only take 5 more minutes!

**Page #3: Background Information**

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Your responses will be kept CONFIDENTIAL. This means we will not share your individual responses with people outside the research team. *You do not have to answer the questions in this section to participate in an interview or focus group.*

**[Questions in this section should NOT be marked REQUIRED]**

1. How long have you lived in this community?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 2 years
- 3 to 4 years
- 5 to 9 years
- 10+ years
- Prefer not to answer

2. How are you involved in the community?

- [OPEN RESPONSE] \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

3. How many close friends do you have? By close friends, we mean people that you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, and can call on for help.
- 0
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5
  - 6
  - 7 or more
  - Prefer not to answer
4. How many people do you know who have carried a gun in the last two years?
- [OPEN RESPONSE] \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prefer not to answer
5. Which of these best describes how you identify in terms of race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply]
- American Indian or Alaska Native** (For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Government, Nome Eskimo Community)
  - Asian** (For example, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese)
  - Black or African American** (For example, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somalian)
  - Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin** (For example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Columbian)
  - Middle Eastern or North African** (For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian)
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** (For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese)
  - White** (For example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French)
  - Prefer to self-describe:** [OPEN RESPONSE] \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prefer not to answer**
6. What is your sex?
- Male (boy/man)
  - Female (girl/woman)

**[CLICK NEXT]**

**Page #4: Additional Information – Feelings of Community Safety and Trauma**

The following questions are intended to help us better understand your experiences with feelings of safety and trauma in our community. You do not have to answer the questions in this section to participate in an interview or focus group. Your responses will be kept CONFIDENTIAL. This means we will not share your individual responses with people outside the research team.

**[Questions in this section should NOT be marked REQUIRED]**

These questions are about events that may have happened during your life. These things can happen to anyone, but some people may feel uncomfortable with these questions.

**To the best of your knowledge, have you EVER experienced any of the following?**

	Yes	No
1. Parent or guardian divorced or separated		
2. Parent or guardian died		
3. Death of a sibling or close friend		
4. Parent or guardian served time in jail or prison		
5. Sibling served time in jail or prison		
6. Saw or heard parents or adults slap, hit, kick, punch one another in the home		
7. Saw someone get physically attacked, beaten, stabbed, or shot in your neighborhood		
8. Lived with anyone who was mentally ill, suicidal, or severely depressed		
9. Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs		
10. Treated or judged unfairly because of your race or ethnic group		
11. Treated or judged unfairly because of your sexual orientation or gender identity		
12. Treated or judged unfairly because of a health condition or disability		

**During the past 12 months, how many times...**

	0 times	1 time	2-3 times	4-5 times	6 or more times
13. Did anyone force you to do sexual activities that you <b>did not want</b> to do? (For example, kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse)					
14. Has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon?					
15. Were you in a physical fight?					
16. Were you bullied by someone in our community?					
17. Were you cyberbullied? (For example, being bullied through texting, Instagram, TikTok, or other social media)					

18. **[SKIPPED IF ANSWERED "0 TIMES" TO #5]** Have your experiences with cyberbullying been connected to violence in our community?

- Yes
- No

**During the past 30 days**, on how many days did you...

	0 days	1 day	2-3 days	4-5 days	6 or more days
19. Carry a <b>concealed weapon</b> ? ( <b>Do not</b> count the days when you carried a concealed weapon only for your job)					
20. <b>Stay home</b> because you felt unsafe in our community?					

**Over the last two weeks**, how often have you been bothered by the following problems...

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day	6 or more days
21. Feeling nervous, anxious, or “on edge”					
22. Not being able to stop or control worrying					
23. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless					
24. Little interest or pleasure in doing things					

**As a result of witnessing violent events in our community...**

	Yes	No
25. Have you experienced depression?		
26. Have you experienced anxiety?		

27. Does our community make you feel sad, nervous, or stressed?

- Yes
- No

28. Has it been challenging to find paid work or employment in our community?

- Yes
- No

29. Has it been hard to live on your family’s income, such covering food or housing?

- Yes
- No

30. What is the greatest strength of our community?

[OPEN RESPONSE] \_\_\_\_\_

**Page #6: Thank you**

Thank you! **A member of the study team will be in touch if you are chosen to participate in the study.** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at [dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org](mailto:dcsafetystudy@childtrends.org) or text us at (202) 335-0960.