

Foster Care Students Needs Assessment Survey

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. How do you cope in foster care? Please circle the response or responses. Then write in other responses in the box.

Exercise	Listen to music	Watch television	Play video games	Go shopping	Singing
Reading	Journaling	Talk with others	Play sports	Art	Dancing

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2. What major concerns do you have in foster care? Please write in your responses.

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3. What would you like to see change while in foster care? Please write in your response.

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Yes	No
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4. Have you been abused while in foster care?

Yes	No
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5. Are you in contact with biological parents while in foster care?

Yes	No
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6. Would you like to return to parents and or family members after foster care?

Survey Findings

Bloomfield Middle School currently has 30 foster care students enrolled within 2019-2020 school year. Throughout the week of April 20-24th, 2020, the foster care student needs assessment was administered, and 12 students completed the survey. The following shows the answers for the survey:

- 1/2 of the students reported at least engaging in three forms of coping in foster care
- 3/4 of the students reported a major concern was not getting along with their foster family
- 3/4 of the students reported they wanted to feel more valued and be part of the family.
- 1/6 of the students reported being abused while in foster care.
- 1/4 of the students reported being in contact with their biological parents while in foster care.
- 2/3 of the students reported yes to wanting to return home after foster care.

The collective results from the survey reports most of the students in foster care are having a hard time building positive relationships with their foster care families. Students are not connecting and communicating effectively with their foster care families. As the social worker at the school, I will create and implement a communication skills workshop for foster care students and their foster care families. The workshop will address building foster care family relationships through communication skills.

