



## EXAMINE RESULTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF SURVEYS

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The information collected from surveys can be both quantitative and qualitative.

#### Quantitative Data

Quantitative data may include analyzing and interpreting questions with numerical values and the numerical values may be assigned to a category or phenomenon. A likert type scale, for example, can be used. Here's a sample of a quantitative question that could be used in a father's support group: My social worker includes me in decisions that need to be made about my child(ren)?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree

An analysis can be done in the following ways:

- Analyze aggregate data for all members of the group
- Score and interpret the survey data in its entirety, if it applies
- Score and interpret the survey data by category, if it applies
- Recode member responses into two variables: 1) those who agree and 2) those who disagree

Here's another sample of a question that could be used in a father's support group - Rate your social worker's level of friendliness:

1. Very Friendly
2. Moderately Friendly
3. Friendly
4. Moderately Unfriendly
5. Very Unfriendly

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- Analyze aggregate data for all members of the group
- Score and interpret the survey data in its entirety, if it applies
- Score and interpret the survey data by category, if it applies

Recode member responses into variables: 1) friendly and 2) unfriendly

#### Qualitative Data

Focus groups and/or interviews with fathers are also good for gathering qualitative data. Qualitative data may be used to describe or explain something from someone's own perspective or worldview. Here are samples of qualitative questions that can be used related to father engagement and/or father involvement:

1. How would you describe your parenting style? How might others describe your parenting style?

2. Describe the relationship you have with your Social Worker
3. Explain what happens during visitation with your child(ren)
4. In your own words, how do you feel that you have been treated by CPS?
5. What do you believe are the most important things to facilitate reunification with you and your child(ren)?
6. Explain how you would like to be included in decision making matters that involve your child(ren)
7. Describe your communication style with your child(ren)'s mother?
8. Describe the relationship you have with your child(ren)

Interpretation of this data can include grouping similar statements into themes and/or synthesizing the data into categories and subcategories.