

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE READ THIS FIRST

By signing up to an agreement called the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the government has promised to make sure that all children and young people have everything they need to live a safe and healthy life.

NICCY wants to find out if the government is keeping its promises to children and young people in Northern Ireland - that's why we are asking parents and carers to fill in this questionnaire. We are also asking young people to fill in a similar questionnaire. If you know any young people who would like to complete a questionnaire, they can find it at www.niccy.org

If you would like to take part in this work, please answer the questions below.

- If you don't know the answer, or don't want to answer any question, please just move on to the next one.

- You do not need to give us your name or any other information that would identify you. Although we may use some of your comments in a report that we will be writing later this year, we will use any details that would identify you.

- If you tell us that any child is being harmed, or at risk of being harmed, we cannot keep that information to ourselves. We will have to pass it on to the Police or Social Services.

All completed questionnaires must be received by NICCY no later than **Friday 24th August 2007**.

If you have any questions, or would like to know any more about this project, please feel free to contact Helen Beckett (Senior Research and Policy Officer) on 9031 1616 or by email at helen@niccy.org

Q1. Are you male female

Q2. How many children do you have in your care?

Please include only those who are 17 or under – or 20 or under if they have a disability or have been in care.

1 2 3 4 5 or more

Q3. What village, town or city do you live in? _____



Q4. Do you feel that your child/children have enough things to do and places to go in their free time - that you feel are safe and good for people of their age?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q5. Do you think the education your child/children receive meets their needs?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q6. Do you think your child/children have a say in decisions that affect their lives?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:



Q7. Do you feel your child/children have all the help and support they need to grow up to be the person that they want to be?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q8. Do you feel your child/children have all they need to stay healthy and well?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q9. Do you feel YOU get enough help and support to bring up your child/children in the way that is best for them?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:



Q10. Do you feel your child/children are well enough protected from violence, danger and harm?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q11. If your child/children have ever been in trouble with the police, did you feel they were treated fairly?

- yes sort of no i don't know not applicable

Please tell us a bit more about this:

Q12. Do you feel people treat your child/children differently because of who they are, or what they think or believe?

- yes sort of no i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this:



Q13. The government has promised that ALL children and young people should have all they need to grow up healthy, safe and well. Do you know any groups of children or young people in Northern Ireland who do not have these things?

yes

no

If yes, please tell us a bit more:

Q14. It is NICCY's job to try and make children and young people's lives better. What 3 things would you most like NICCY to try and make better for children and young people in Northern Ireland over the next few years?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____



That's the end of the questions but if you would like to tell us anything else about children and young people's lives in Northern Ireland, please write it here.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

Please send your questionnaire to Helen Beckett, NICCY, Millennium House, 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BA.

More information on the research can be found at www.niccy.org

