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We have long recognized that a gap existed in our efforts to determine community need- that is, there has not been a sound and scientific way to determine the needs of children 0-11 years of age. We must determine the health needs of these children in their earliest years of life because so much depends on these years. Research shows that providing services early to young children and their families prevents future problems and creates savings by reducing the direct and indirect costs of preventable risky behaviors.

We have worked hard with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, The University of Toledo, The Medical University and Bowling Green State University to develop the science that will allow us to measure their needs.

- a. This will be a stand-alone assessment that requires a complete new review for IRB approval.
- b. Questions are based on the National Survey of Children's Health for comparable national numbers.
- c. There will be two separate surveys—one for ages 0-5 and another for ages 6-11. Some of the questions will be the same, and some will be more age specific.
- d. Addresses will be obtained from American Clearinghouse.
- e. 1000 advance letters will go to each age group. These will contain \$1 bill, and a return postcard to indicate if there is child age 0-11 and which age group they fall into. If there are multiple kids ages 0-11, the adult will be asked to indicate the child with the next upcoming birthday. These letters will be coded so that surveys will be able to be sent to the correct household.
- f. Surveys will be mailed with \$2 bill to those households that have children 0-11. These will not be coded to ensure confidentiality.
- g. We will need approx. 350-400 surveys returned in each group to make the results generalizable.
- h. There will be a core set of about 30 questions that both groups will be asked. Skip patterns will also be used for certain types of questions. There will be questions about the parents also.
- i. We would like to have about 75 questions total on each survey.
- j. We will have a press release before sending the initial letters to help prepare adults for the possibility of receiving the survey.