



## Assessing How Your Organization Supports Children & Youth

### Guidelines

#### Use this tool:

- If you want to know more about how your organization currently supports children and youth and to learn about additional opportunities to support young people, their families and the community.
- To assess your organization at the present time (not as a pre- and post-test).
- To develop understanding of your organizations current practices in supporting children and youth.
- To explore new opportunities for your organization to support children and youth. This survey may be most useful as a trigger for ideas and a starting point for discussion.

#### Please note:

- This survey is designed for use by all types of organizations, from neighborhood associations to businesses. Therefore, all of the areas addressed may not fit with the specific goals and operations of your organization.
- If your results identify a strong lack of agreement with any of the survey items, the first question to ask is “Is this an appropriate and valuable approach for our organization?” If you conclude that specific survey items are important to your organization, you will want to explore the best ways to address these issues based on the goals and operations of your organization. There is not one right way for all organizations to support children and youth. You may find helpful suggestions at [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org) and [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org) or by contacting Project Cornerstone at (408)351-6482.

#### For best results:

- Have the tool completed by as many individuals as possible from all levels of the organization.
- Instruct participants to choose the answer that best fits their feelings/experiences most of the time.
- Tally all individual responses on a blank tool sheet, and use the results to identify areas of current success in supporting the healthy development of children and youth as well as identify new opportunities. Use this information to guide organizational planning.