Immigrant Integration Measurement Survey: Community Member Perspective

It is important to assess community members’ perspectives on integration, including where they encounter people who are not born in the United States and their basic understanding of immigrants’ rights and sense of responsibility in creating a welcoming community. This survey can be administered either at the beginning or the end of any community meeting or training. It is appropriate for any audience in which community members are in attendance. This survey is not limited to residents born in the United States only. It is a tool to gather the thoughts and perspectives of anyone living in your community.

Survey data could be used in a variety of ways, including to:
- **inform** an agency’s strategic planning for community engagement;
- **assist** assist agency staff in offering additional, targeted help to increase community members’ interactions with residents with whom they don’t typically interact;
- **draw** draw on and enclose the resulting statistical data in grant applications and reports to substantiate additional resources being devoted to immigrant integration efforts; and
- **provide** provide agency staff with perspectives on how community members view immigrants.

**Implementation Ideas**

The survey’s usefulness will depend on the systematic way with which your agency can collect data from community members. This survey does not attempt to measure changes in integration rates. Rather, it seeks to assess overall community members’ impressions of your shared location and to help pinpoint areas of support that might be offered to the community, as it works to become more welcoming.

Data collection tips: 1) Distribute the survey to community members during events offered by your agency; 2) Input the data into a master spreadsheet (see example below); 3) Use the collected data to determine community members’ impressions of the community and possible areas where services might be offered or expanded.

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Community Member Survey
Please circle the appropriate response for each question. Your answers will remain anonymous.

**Immigrant Integration is:** “A dynamic, two-way process in which newcomers and the receiving society work together to build secure, vibrant, and cohesive communities.”

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8. Immigrants, regardless of legal status, have many of the same basic rights that I do.
   YES     NO     I don’t know

9. I notice culturally and/or linguistically appropriate services at public spaces, such as libraries and public parks. An example of this could be Spanish language or Vietnamese language books at the library.
   YES     NO     I don’t know

10. I interact with people who I believe were born outside of the United States: (circle all that apply)
    a. At my place of worship
    b. At my place of employment
    c. In my neighborhood
    d. At my child’s school
    e. In public spaces, such as the library, park, or community center
    f. I typically do not interact with people not born in the United States.

What could our community do better in order to be a welcoming city to immigrants and their families?
Encuesta de los Miembros de la Comunidad
Por favor encierre la respuesta adecuada para cada pregunta. Sus respuestas se mantendrán anónimas.

La integración de inmigrantes es: “Un proceso dinámico de dos vías en las cuales las nuevas personas y la sociedad que los recibe trabajan en conjunto para construir comunidades seguras, vibrantes y cohesivas.”

1 = estoy fuertemente en desacuerdo     2 = más o menos en desacuerdo     3 = no estoy de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo
4 = estoy algo de acuerdo     5 = estoy fuertemente de acuerdo

1. Siento que mi pueblo es un lugar bienvenido para vivir.
   1 2 3 4 5

2. Integrarse a la comunidad es solo responsabilidad del inmigrante.
   1 2 3 4 5

3. Es mi responsabilidad ayudar a mi comunidad en darle la bienvenida a las personas que nacieron fuera de los Estados Unidos.
   1 2 3 4 5

4. Es posible para un inmigrante el mejorar su vida mientras viva en nuestra comunidad.
   1 2 3 4 5

5. Los inmigrantes son tratados con respeto in mi comunidad, incluso si ellos prefieren hablar un idioma distinto al inglés.
   1 2 3 4 5

6. Nuestro gobierno de la ciudad promueve integración de migrantes como un beneficio de nuestra comunidad.
   1 2 3 4 5

7. Yo estoy interesado en reunirme con inmigrantes que viven en mi comunidad.
   1 2 3 4 5

8. Los inmigrantes, sin importar el estatus legal, tienen muchos de los derechos básicos que yo poseo.
   Si  No  No lo sé

9. Yo observe servicios apropiados culturales y/o lingüísticos en espacios públicos, tales como bibliotecas y parques públicas. Un ejemplo de esto pueden ser libros en idioma en español y vietnamés en la biblioteca.
   Si  No  No lo sé

10. Yo interactúo con personas quienes creo que nacieron fuera de los Estados Unidos: (encierre todos los que aplican)
   a. En mi lugar de adoración  
b. En mi lugar de empleo  
c. En mi vecindad  
d. En la escuela de mis hijos  
e. En espacios públicos, tales como la biblioteca, parque o servicio comunitario  
f. Yo típicamente no interactué con las personas que no han nacido en los Estados Unidos

¿Qué puede hace nuestra comunidad para poder mejorar en darles la bienvenida a la ciudad a inmigrantes y sus familias?