

## PARENTS WANTED (version 2.0)!

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) is in the **2<sup>nd</sup> phase** of testing a new tool to measure parents' perceptions of their strengths, and needs parents to take the **revised version of the [survey](#)**.

In this second phase of testing, **the focus is on recruiting parents who are served by or participate in various programs** and did not take the survey during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase.

We need parents:

- Who have at least one child (birth to 8 years old)
- Who are fathers, mothers or other primary caregivers
- From all age groups (teen parents to grandparents who are primary caregivers)
- From all racial and ethnic/cultural groups
- From all economic groups
- From all regions of the country

Although CSSP cannot offer compensation for completing the survey, volunteers will play a very important part in the development of a new instrument that assesses parents' perceptions of their strengths, unlike many other instruments that focus on parents' problems and what they may be doing wrong.

Information provided by this new tool can be used in designing, implementing and monitoring effective service plans, as well as in evaluating the effectiveness of programs that aim to support parents in building their protective factors.

The survey takes **less than 15 minutes** to complete and is available in two formats:

- The online version can be accessed by clicking on or copying and pasting the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHT82S5>
- Hard copies can be obtained by contacting Charlyn Harper Browne:  
charlyn.harperbrowne@cssp.org

Surveys must be completed between **March 1 – March 31, 2014**.

*All information and survey answers are anonymous and will be used for research purposes only.*

Please distribute this message to individuals in your networks and ask them to encourage parents to complete the survey. Also, if you or members of your network meet the eligibility criteria or have family members who do—and *you did not take the survey during the 1<sup>st</sup> testing phase*—please complete the survey as well.

**Thank you, in advance, for assisting CSSP in the development of a new parent tool.**