CJ Survey of Organizational Functioning (TCU CJ SOF)

Instructions

This survey asks questions about how you see yourself as an employee and how you see your agency. It begins on the next page with a short demographic section that is for descriptive purposes only. The *Anonymous Participant Code* is requested so that information you give now can be matched with your responses to similar questions you may be asked later (but without asking or knowing your name).

To complete the form, please mark your answers by completely <u>filling in</u> the appropriate circles. If you do not feel comfortable giving an answer to a particular statement, you may skip it and move on to the next statement. <u>If an item does not apply to you or your workplace, leave it blank</u>. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD FORMS. The examples below show how to mark the circles.

For Example – ●

	Disagree Strongly		<u>Uncertain</u>	Agree	Agree Strongly
	(I)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Person 1. I like chocolate ice cream.	O	•	0	0	0
This person disagrees a litt	tle so she pro	obably does	n't like choo	colate ice	cream.
Person 2. I like chocolate ice cream.	0	0	0	0	•
This person likes chocolate	e ice cream d	a lot.			

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The anonymous participate code be without using your name or information			m different evaluation forms
Please complete the following items	for your anor	nymous code:	
First letter in mother's first name:	_	First letter in fathe	er's first name:
First digit in your social security num	ber:	Last digit in your	social security number:
Today's Date: _ _ _ _ _	_ YR	Yo	our Birth Year: 19
Are you: O Male O Female		Are you Hispanic	or Latino? O No O Yes
Are you: [MARK ONE] O American Indian/Alaska Native O Asian O Native Hawaiian or Other Pacit		WhiteMore than oneOther (specify).	
Highest Degree Status: [MARK ONE] O No high school diploma or equival of the school diploma or equival or equ	ivalent O lent O	Bachelor's degree Master's degree Doctoral degree or e Other (medical assist	quivalent tant, RN, post-doctorate)
Discipline/Profession: [MARK ALL TO Addictions Counseling Of Other Counseling Of Education Of Vocational Rehabilitation Of Criminal Justice Of Psychology	Social WorPhysician I	Primary Care Psychiatry	 Nurse Practitioner Administration None, unemployed None, student Other (specify)
Certification Status in Your Field: O Not certified or licensed O Previously certified or licensed		Currently certijIntern	fied or licensed
How many years of experience do y	ou have in you	ur field or profession	? YEARS MONTHS
How long have you been working at	t this agency?		
How many offenders do you directly	v supervise cu	rrently (i.e., your cas	

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PLEASE FILL IN THE CIRCLE THAT SHOWS YOUR ANSWER TO EACH ITEM.

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
Your	agency needs additional guidance in	_				
1.	assessing offender needs		0	0	0	0
2.	matching needs with services		0	0	0	0
3.	increasing supervision compliance by offenders.	0	0	0	0	0
4.	measuring offender rehabilitation	0	0	0	0	0
5.	developing more effective supervision strategies.		0	0	0	0
6.	raising overall quality of offender supervision.		0	0	0	0
7.	using offender assessments to guide supervision decisions.	0	0	0	0	0
8.	using offender assessments to docume supervision effectiveness.		0	0	0	0
You n	eed more training for –					
9.	assessing offender problems and needs.	0	0	0	0	0
10.	increasing offender participation in rehabilitation programs.	0	0	0	0	0
11.	monitoring offender progress	0	0	0	0	0
12.	improving rapport with offenders	О	0	0	0	0
13.	improving offender thinking and problem solving skills.	0	0	0	0	0
14.	improving behavioral management of offenders.	0	0	0	0	0
15.	improving cognitive focus of offender during supervision.	rs O	0	0	0	0
16.	using computerized offender assessments.		0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
	nt <u>pressures</u> to make y changes come from –	(1)	(2)	(0)	(2)	(0)
17.	offenders.		0	0	0	0
18.	employees		0	0	0	0
19.	supervisors or managers	0	0	0	0	0
20.	judges.	0	0	0	0	0
21.	community groups and the media	0	0	0	0	0
22.	funding and oversight agencies	0	0	0	0	0
23.	The State.	О	0	0	0	0
	trongly do you <u>agree</u> or <u>disagree</u> ach of the following statements?					
24.	You feel overwhelmed by paperwork.	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Your offices and equipment are adequate.		0	0	0	0
26.	You have the skills needed to do your job effectively.	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Some employees get confused about the main goals for this agency	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Employees here all get along very well	ll O	0	0	0	0
29.	You are satisfied with your present job	b O	0	0	0	0
30.	You would like to find a job somewhere else.		0	0	0	0
31.	Employees understand how this agence fits as part of the criminal justice system in your community.		0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly	Diagonas	Uncertain	Agree	Agree
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Strongly (5)
32.	Supervision planning decisions for offenders here often have to be revised by a supervisor.		0	0	0	0
33.	Employee training and continuing education are priorities at this agency.	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Facilities here are adequate for conducting offender supervision	0	0	0	0	0
35.	You frequently share your job knowle with other employees.		0	0	0	0
36.	You were satisfied with the training offered at workshops available to you last year.	O	0	0	0	0
37.	You used the Internet (World Wide W to communicate (e.g., list serves, bulle boards, chat rooms) with other profess in your field in the past month.	etin sionals	0	0	0	0
38.	Management here fully trusts your professional judgment.	0	0	0	0	0
39.	You feel appreciated for the job you d	o O	0	0	0	0
40.	There is too much friction among employees.	0	0	0	0	0
41.	Employees at this agency make a conscious effort to coordinate with other professionals in their field	0	0	0	0	0
42.	Ideas and suggestions from employees get fair consideration by management		0	0	0	0
43.	Employees generally regard you as a valuable source of information	0	0	0	0	0
44.	You have easy access for using the Internet at work.	0	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Agree Strongly
		$\frac{\text{such } \mathbf{g}(t)}{(1)}$	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
45.	The employees here always work together as a team.	0	0	0	0	0
46.	Offender assessments here are usually conducted using a computer		0	0	0	0
47.	Your duties are clearly related to the goals of this agency.	0	0	0	0	0
48.	You learned new skills or techniques at a professional conference in the past year.	0	0	0	0	0
49.	You consistently plan ahead and carry out your plans	0	0	0	0	0
50.	You are under too many pressures to do your job effectively	0	0	0	0	0
51.	Employees here are given broad authority in supervising offenders	0	0	0	0	0
52.	This agency encourages and supports professional growth.	0	0	0	0	0
53.	You like the people you work with	0	0	0	0	0
54.	You read about new techniques and supervision information each month.	0	0	0	0	0
55.	Employees here are always quick to h one another when needed		0	0	0	0
56.	Computer problems are usually repair promptly at this agency.		0	0	0	0
57.	Novel treatment ideas by employees are discouraged.	0	0	0	0	0
58.	There are enough employees here to meet current offender needs	0	0	0	0	0
59.	The budget here allows employees to professional conferences each year		0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Agree Strongly
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
60.	You have enough opportunities to kee your job skills up-to-date		0	0	0	0
61.	Mutual trust and cooperation among employees in this agency is strong	0	0	0	0	0
62.	Most offender records here are computerized.	0	0	0	0	0
63.	You are willing to try new ideas even if some employees are reluctant	0	0	0	0	0
64.	Learning and using new procedures are easy for you.	0	0	0	0	0
65.	This agency operates with clear goals and objectives.	0	0	0	0	0
66.	Employees often show signs of stress and strain.	0	0	0	0	0
67.	You feel like you aren't making a difference.	0	0	0	0	0
68.	You usually accomplish whatever you set your mind on.	0	0	0	0	0
69.	It is easy to change procedures here to meet new conditions	0	0	0	0	0
70.	Employees here often try out different techniques to improve their effectiveness.	0	0	0	0	0
71.	You used the Internet (World Wide W to access work-related information in the past month.	•	0	0	0	0
72.	The formal and informal communication channels here work very well		0	0	0	0
73.	Most employees at this agency are cordial.	0	0	0	0	0

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		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
74.	Offices here allow the privacy needed for supervision of offenders	0	0	0	0	0
75.	You are sometimes too cautious or slot to make changes.		0	0	0	0
76.	Employees are given too many rules here.	0	0	0	0	0
77.	You feel that it is a real effort to come into work.		0	0	0	0
78.	Employees here design programs together.	0	0	0	0	0
79.	Employees are always kept well informed.	0	0	0	0	0
80.	The heavy workload here reduces effectiveness.	0	0	0	0	0
81.	You regularly read professional journal articles or books related to your field or profession.	O	0	0	0	0
82.	You feel depressed	0	0	0	0	0
83.	Other employees often ask your advic about procedures.		0	0	0	0
84.	More open discussions about agency issues are needed here.	0	0	0	0	0
85.	This agency holds regular inservice training.	0	0	0	0	0
86.	You give high value to the work you do here.	0	0	0	0	0
87.	You frequently hear good employee ideas for improving supervision	0	0	0	0	0
88.	Other employees often ask for your opinions about agency issues	O	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
89.	You are effective and confident in doing your job.	0	0	0	0	0
90.	You have a computer to use in your personal office space at work	0	0	0	0	0
91.	Everybody here does their fair share of work.	0	0	0	0	0
92.	A larger support staff is needed to help meet agency needs	0	0	0	0	0
93.	The general attitude here is to use new and changing technology		0	0	0	0
94.	You do a good job of regularly updating and improving your skills	0	0	0	0	0
95.	Employees always feel free to ask questions and express concerns in this agency.	0	0	0	0	0
96.	You have the skills needed to conduct effective offender supervision		0	0	0	0
97.	Employee frustration is common here.	0	0	0	0	0
98.	You feel tired.	0	0	0	0	0
99.	Management here has a clear plan for this agency.	0	0	0	0	0
100.	You often influence the decisions of other employees here.	0	0	0	0	0
101.	You are proud to tell others where you work.	0	0	0	0	0
102.	You have convenient access to e-mail at work.	0	0	0	0	0
103.	You are encouraged here to try new and different techniques	0	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
104.	You are able to adapt quickly when you have to shift focus	0	0	0	0	0
105.	You feel disillusioned and resentful.		0	0	0	0
106.	You are viewed as a leader by other employees here.	0	0	0	0	0
107.	Computer equipment at this agency is mostly old and outdated	0	0	0	0	0
108.	This agency provides a comfortable reception/waiting area for offenders.	0	0	0	0	0
109.	Employees here feel comfortable using computers.	0	0	0	0	0
110.	Frequent employee turnover is a prob for this agency.		0	0	0	0
111.	Employees here are able to spend enough time with offenders	0	0	0	0	0
112.	Support staff here have the skills they need to do their jobs	0	0	0	0	0
113.	Employees here are well-trained	0	0	0	0	0
114.	The director and employees collabora to make this agency run effectively		0	0	0	0
115.	More computers are needed in this agency for employees to use	0	0	0	0	0
116.	You were satisfied with the training opportunities available to you last year	r O	0	0	0	0
117.	You feel that talking to offenders is a waste of time.	0	0	0	0	0

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		None	1	2	3	4 or more
118.	In the last year, how often did you attend training workshops held within 50 miles of your agency?	0	0	0	0	0
119.	In the last year, how often did you attend training workshops held more than 50 miles from your agency?	0	0	0	0	0
120.	How many workshops do you expect to attend in the next 12 months?) O	0	0	0	0
121.	In the last year, how many times did outside trainers come to your agency to give workshops?		0	0	0	0
122.	In the last year, how many times did you agency offer special, in-house training?		0	0	0	0
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	A lot	Almost Always
123.	When you attend workshops, how often do you try out the new interventions or techniques learned?		0	0	0	0
124.	Are your offenders interested or responsive to new ideas or materials when you try them?		0	0	0	0
125.	In recent years, how often have you adopted (for regular use) new interventions or techniques from a workshop?	O	0	0	0	0
126.	When you have adopted new ideas into your offender supervision, how often have you encouraged other employees to try using them?		0	0	0	0
127.	How often do new interventions or techniques that the employees from your agency learn at workshops get adopted for general use?	O	0	0	0	0
128.	How often do new ideas learned from workshops get discussed or presented a your staff meetings?		0	0	0	0
129.	How often does the management at you agency recommend or support new idea or techniques for use by all employees?	as	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly		Uncertain	Agree	Agree Strongly
My cu	pervisor –	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
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130.	inspires others with his/her plans for this agency for the future	O	0	0	0	0
131.	leads by example	0	0	0	0	0
132.	gets people to work together for the same goal.	0	0	0	0	0
133.	insists on only the best performance.	О	0	0	0	0
134.	treats each of us as individuals with different needs, abilities, and aspirations.	O	0	0	0	0
135.	takes time to listen carefully to and discuss people's concerns.	0	0	0	0	0
136.	encourages new ways of looking at how we do our jobs	0	0	0	0	0
137.	gives special recognition to others' work when it is very good	0	0	0	0	0
138.	provides well-defined performance goals and objectives.	0	0	0	0	0
139.	emphasizes using new ideas, services, administrative techniques, etc., before most other agency supervisors do	;	0	0	0	0
In the	past year, you have –					
140.	invited someone in to help enhance your job performance.	0	0	0	0	0
141.	had colleagues observe your job performance.	0	0	0	0	0
142.	received meaningful feedback on your performance from co-workers	0	0	0	0	0
143.	observed other colleagues' performance.		0	0	0	0
144.	received useful suggestions for supervising offenders from co-worker	s O	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
	trongly do you <u>agree</u> or <u>disagree</u> ach of the following statements?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(3)
145.	Many employees in this agency set high standards for themselves	0	0	0	0	0
146.	Employees support the supervisor in enforcing policies and rules	0	0	0	0	0
147.	When making important decisions, the agency always focuses on what's best for offender improvement.	O	0	0	0	0
148.	In the past year, you have had frequent conversations with co-workers about the goals of this agency.		0	0	0	0
149.	A conscious effort is made by employ to make new employees feel welcome here.	;	0	0	0	0
150.	In the past year, you have had frequent conversations with co-workers about what helps offenders improve		0	0	0	0
151.	Experienced employees invite new employees to observe, give feedback, etc.	O	0	0	0	0
152.	In the past year, you have had frequent conversations with co-workers about development of new ideas.		0	0	0	0
153.	Many employees in this agency feel responsible that all offenders improve	0	0	0	0	0
154.	Agency employees regularly discuss assumptions about supervision and behavior change.	0	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
155.	Workdays are organized to maximize offender supervision time.	0	0	0	0	0
156.	This agency sets high standards for offender improvement.	0	0	0	0	0
157.	Many employees in this agency feel responsible to help each other do their best.	0	0	0	0	0
158.	Many employees help maintain discipline in the entire agency, not just their office.	0	0	0	0	0
159.	Many employees in this agency take responsibility for improving the agency.	0	0	0	0	0
160.	At this agency, employees work together to do what is "best for the offenders."	O	0	0	0	0
161.	This agency has well-defined expectations for all offenders	0	0	0	0	0
162.	Employees talk about supervision in staff meetings, in the break room, etc.	O	0	0	0	0

TCU CJ Training Supplement

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	<u>Agree</u> (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
How s with e	trongly do you <u>agree</u> or <u>disagree</u> ach of the following statements?			(-/		
Satisfa	action with Training					
1.	Good <u>in-house</u> (inservice) training is provided to agency employees	0	0	0	0	0
2.	You found good <u>outside</u> training events to attend last year.		0	0	0	0
3.	Your state oversight agency provided good training in the past year.	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Regional/national groups provided good training in the past year.	O	0	0	0	0
Traini	ing Content Preferences					
5.	More information on <u>substance abuse</u> <u>treatment</u> is needed.	0	0	0	0	0
6.	More information on the use of <u>prescription medications</u> is needed	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Agency employees need sensitivity training for dealing with <u>special populations</u>		0	0	0	0
8.	Employee training is needed on <u>ethics</u> and confidentiality of information		0	0	0	0
9.	Specialized training is needed for improvi <u>family</u> involvement and related issues		0	0	0	0
10.	Employee training is needed on <u>mental he</u> <u>issues</u> and appropriate treatment		0	0	0	0
11.	Training on <u>screening and assessment</u> tools is needed.	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Agency employees need to be <u>trained</u> to understand other employee functions (e.g., court, field, specialized caseloads).	0	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	<u>Agree</u> (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
Train	ing Strategy Preferences					
13.	General introductory sessions on <u>multiple</u> <u>topics</u> is an effective workshop format		0	0	0	0
14.	Intensive full-day training on <u>special</u> <u>topics</u> is an effective workshop format	0	0	0	0	0
15.	A <u>conceptual model</u> that explains how program activities contribute to "recovery	." 0	0	0	0	0
16.	Training workshops should be based on evidence-based interventions.	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Training workshops should be based on evidence-based practices.	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Training workshops should include role playing and group activities.	О	0	0	0	0
19.	In-house coaching following specialized training would be useful.	О	0	0	0	0
20.	Specialized training made available over the Internet would be useful.	O	0	0	0	0
21.	Exchanging ideas with other agencies that have interests similar to yours would be helpful.	O	0	0	0	0
22.	Feedback following training would be helpful.	0	0	0	0	0

		Disagree Strongly (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Agree Strongly (5)
<u>Barrio</u>	ers to Training					
23.	The workload and pressures at this agency keep motivation for new training low		0	0	0	0
24.	The <u>budget</u> does not allow most employee to attend professional conferences annually.		0	0	0	0
25.	<u>Topics</u> presented at recent training workshand conferences have been too limited	nops O	0	0	0	0
26.	The <u>quality of trainers</u> at recent workshop and conferences has been poor		0	0	0	0
27.	Training activities take <u>too much time</u> awa from delivery of agency services		0	0	0	0
28.	Training interests of agency employees are <u>mostly due</u> to job requirements	0	0	0	0	0
29.	It is often too difficult to apply skills/information learned at workshops so they will work in this agency.	O	0	0	0	0
30.	<u>Limited resources</u> (e.g., office space or budget) make it difficult to adopt new idea	as O	0	0	0	0
31.	The <u>background and training of employee</u> limits the kind of supervision changes possible here.	_	0	0	0	0
32.	There are too few rewards for trying to change procedures here.	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Caseload size makes it difficult to adopt new ideas.	0	0	0	0	0