

Appendix A

Essex County Smart Book Interview Questionnaire*

[This questionnaire will be read to the individual. Please take notes on a separate sheet of paper or in the margins if one runs out of space.]

Name:	Date of Birth: _____/_____/19____	Date of Interview _____/_____/2006
State #:	Race: check one <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Facility:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Housing Unit:	Interviewer:	

I'd like to ask you some questions about the Essex County Smart Book: A Resource Guide for Going Home.

1. Who gave you the <i>Smart Book</i> ?
2. Approximately how many days, weeks or months have you had the <i>Smart Book</i> ? _____ Days _____ Weeks _____ Months
3. What were you told about the <i>Smart Book</i> when it was given to you?
4. How much time have you spent reading the <i>Smart Book</i> ?
5. Was the <i>Smart Book</i> easy to read? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Why? [explain in your own words]
6. Which of the programs or agencies have you contacted since receiving the <i>Smart Book</i> ? [explain in your own words and specify pre and post release if on parole.]
7. If the program, agency or information was not helpful, please explain why?
8. Are there any programs, agencies and/or information that you read about in the <i>Smart Book</i> that you did not know about before you were given the <i>Smart Book</i> ? If so, can you list them? a. b. c. d.
9. Did the <i>Smart Book</i> include all the information that you need to know? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [explain]
10. How would you make the <i>Smart Book</i> better? [explain in your own words]
11. Have you ever participated in any other programs in Essex County that you have not yet mentioned? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes: which ones

12. Will the services listed in this <i>Smart Book</i> help you in the future? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Why or why not?
13. Does this <i>Smart Book</i> help you understand the availability and location of services you wouldn't have had otherwise? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
14. I would now like to ask you about specific services you have or plan to use in the near future.
a. Prisoner: Can you tell me where you plan to live once you are released? Did the <i>Smart Book</i> help you locate this place? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Have you figured out if you need any identification documents? If so, can you tell me where you plan to go to obtain them? Did the <i>Smart Book</i> help you locate these identification services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Can you tell me any places where you plan to go to get your medical needs met? Did the <i>Smart Book</i> help you locate these medical services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Can you tell me any places where you plan to go for job assistance? Did the <i>Smart Book</i> help you locate these job assistance services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Can you name agencies or programs that you have used in your past? a. Was the agency/program helpful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No (explain) b. Was the agency/program helpful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No (explain) c. Was the agency/program helpful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No (explain)
16. In school, what was the last grade you completed: <input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade <input type="checkbox"/> 8th-11th grade <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> College grad or more
17. Is there anything you'd like me to tell the people who wrote the <i>Smart Book</i> ?
*Questions & survey adapted from Kirkland, G. (2001). <i>Client Interview Questionnaire</i> . Isaiah House, East Orange, NJ.