Choosing a Survey Tool Worksheet

If you are comparing potential survey tools for an evaluation, use the grid below to compare. Some of the criteria listed may be more or less important to you depending on your specific situation. This worksheet is intended to give you a general framework for decision making.

| **Survey Name and Source Information** | **Relevance to Program Outcomes** | **Cost** | **Burden** | **Evidence of Validity/Reliability** | **Other Notes** |
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| *Could be a full survey (Developmental Assets Profile) or a subscale (The Multiethnic Identity Measure)* | *Your subjective assessment of the tool’s ability to capture those outcomes you care about and work toward* | *Some tools are free, but will require staff time; others have a per-child or per-program cost* | *How long is the tool, and how long will it take? It is also reasonable to note burden on staff and/or on resources* | *Could be a yes/no, or a high/medium/low; or a summary of evidence (e.g. tested on 6,000 12-18 year-olds in OST programs)* | *Any other impressions you have that are relevant to your decision* |
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