## 24-MONTH RESIDENT FATHER QUESTIONNAIRE

An important part of this study is to learn more about the types of things fathers and others do with their young children and how they feel about their children.

Q1. Are you the child's ...
Mark (X) one response

Birth father,
$\square$ Adoptive father,
Stepfather,
Foster father or male guardian, orDo you have some other relationship to child? Please specify

Q2. In a typical week, how often do you do the following things with your child? Would you say not at all, once or twice, $\mathbf{3}$ to $\mathbf{6}$ times, or every day:

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

| Not | Once | 3 to 6 | Every |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| at all | or twice | $\underline{\text { times }}$ | day |

a. Read books to your child? ............................. $\square$
b. Tell stories to your child? $\qquad$

c. Sing songs with your child? $\qquad$
$\square$

d. Take your child along while doing errands like going to the post office, the bank, or the store? $\qquad$
$\square$


Q3. In a typical week, how often do you or another family member watch TV together with your child? Would you say...

Mark (X) oneOften,
Sometimes,
Hardly ever, or
Never? $\longrightarrow$ Skip to Q6

Q4. Is this time primarily spent watching mostly adult shows or mostly children's shows?
Mark (X) one

Mostly adult shows
Mostly children's shows

Q5. In a typical week, when your family watches TV together, how often do you or another family member do the following things with your child? Would you say often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

Often $\underline{\text { Sometimes }}$| Hardly |
| :---: |
| ever |$\quad \underline{\text { Never }}$

a. Play along with him or her during the TV program, for example sing, dance, talk back to the TV? $\qquad$

b. Talk with him or her about the TV programs (either during the show or after)? $\qquad$ $\square$

c. Play games or do activities (like arts and crafts) with him or her after a show is done based on what you watched together? $\qquad$ $\square$


Q6. In the past month, how often did you do the following things with your child? Was it more than once a day, about once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, rarely, or not at all?

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response
Rarely would be once a month.

| More <br> than | About <br> once | A few <br> times | A few <br> times |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a day | a day | a week | a month |

a. Play chasing games with your child? ...........
b. Prepare meals for your child? $\qquad$

c. Change your child's diapers or help your child use the toilet? $\qquad$

d. Take your child for a ride on your shoulders or back? $\qquad$

e. Play with games or toys indoors with your child? $\qquad$
f. Help your child to bed? $\qquad$

$\square$
g. Give your child a bath? $\qquad$

h. Take your child outside for a walk or to play in the yard, a park, or a playground? $\qquad$

i. Help your child get dressed? $\qquad$

j. Go to a restaurant or out to eat with your child? $\qquad$
k. Assist your child with eating? $\qquad$
I. Help your child brush his or her teeth? $\qquad$

m . Take him or her with you to a religious service or religious event? $\qquad$ $\square$


Q7. When the following things happen or need to be done, how often are you the one who does them? Do you always, often, sometimes, rarely, or never do them?

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

|  | Always | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | Not Applicable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Soothe your child when he/she is upset? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Stay home to care for your child when he/she is ill? $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Take your child to or from the sitter or day care center? |  |  |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Q8. Here are some statements that parents of young children say about themselves. For each statement, please tell me if it is exactly like you, very much like you, somewhat like you, not much like you, or not at all like you.

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

| Exactly | Very much | Somewhat | Not much | Not at all |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| like me | like me | like me | like me | like me |

a. I teach my children that misbehavior will be punished one way or another. $\qquad$
$\square$

b. I do not allow my children to get angry with me $\qquad$

c. I express my affection by hugging, kissing, and holding my children $\qquad$
d. I am easygoing and relaxed with my children $\qquad$
$\square$

e. There are times I just don't have the energy to make my children behave as they should $\qquad$
$\square$

f. I have little or no difficulty sticking with my rules for my children even when close relatives, including grandparents, are there..


Being a father can sometimes be stressful. The next question is about how stressful being a father has been for you and the ways in which you have had to adjust your life.

Q9. For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

| Strongly <br> agree | $\underline{\text { Agree }}$ | $\underline{\text { Disagree }}$ | Strongly <br> disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

NOTE: The next two questions are ONLY for the child's father (i.e. biological, step, adoptive, or foster). If you are NOT the child's father, please check here $\square$ and $\longrightarrow$ Skip to statement before Q12.

Q10. Fathers do many things for their children. Of the list of things below, which 3 do you think are most important for you, as a father, to do?

Please rank them by entering 1 (most important), 2 (second most important), and 3 (third most important) next to the 3 things you think are the most important for you to do. Select only three.

Rank
$\qquad$ Showing my child love and affection
___ Taking time to play with my child
$\qquad$ | Taking care of my child financially
$\qquad$ Giving my child moral and ethical guidance
$\qquad$ Making sure my child is safe and protectedTeaching my child and encouraging his or her curiosity

## Q11.

Now we have some questions about the care you provide for your child.
Q12. In the past month, how often have you looked after your child while your spouse/partner did other things? Was it ...

Mark (X) oneEvery day or almost every day,
$\square$ A few times a week,
$\square$ A few times a month,
Once or twice, or
Never? $\rightarrow$ Skip to statement before Q14NA (DO NOT USUALLY TAKE CARE OF CHILD)

Q13. About how many hours each week do you usually care for your child while your spouse/partner is not home?
|_____| NUMBER OF HOURS

We want to learn more about how parents with young children make important decisions in their children's lives.
Q14. How much influence do you feel that you have in making major decisions about discipline, nutrition, health care, and child care? Would you say no influence, some influence, or areat deal of influence?


We are also interested in learning about how much support in being a father / father-figure you get from others.
Q15. In general, would you say that each of these people are very supportive of your being a father, are somewhat supportive, are neither supportive nor unsupportive, or are unsupportive?

| For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response | Very supportive | Somewhat supportive | Neither supportive nor unsupportive | Unsupportive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Your spouse/partner ................................ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| b. Your in-laws/partner's family ..................... |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |
| c. Your spouse or partner's friends ................ |  | $\square$ |  | - |
| d. Your adult relatives.................................. |  |  |  | $\square$ |
| e. Your friends ........................................... |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| f. Your co-workers ..................................... | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Now we have some questions about how you discipline your child.
Q16. Most children get angry at their parents from time to time. If your child got so angry that he/she hit you, yelled at you, or threw a temper tantrum, what would you do? Would you...

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response


Q17. Sometimes kids mind pretty well and sometimes they don't. About how many times, if any, have you spanked your child in the past week for not minding?

I____I NUMBER OF TIMES
$\square$ NA (I DO NOT SPANK)

Q18. About how many times, if any, have you used time out or sent your child to his/her room in the past week for not minding?

I $\qquad$ I NUMBER OF TIMES

We are also interested in any reading you may do at home.
Q19. About how many books did you read during the past $\mathbf{1 2}$ months?
$\qquad$ I NUMBER OF BOOKS

Q20. How often do you read a newspaper? Would it be. ..
Mark (X) one

Almost every day,
At least once a week,
At least once a month, or
$\square$ Hardly ever?
The next few questions are about your relationship with your spouse/partner.
Q21. How often do you talk about your child with your spouse/partner? Would you say...
Mark (X) oneEvery day,
Several times a week,
About once a week,
A few times a month,
Several times a year, or
Not at all?

Q22. Would you say that your marriage/relationship is...
Mark (X) one
$\square$ Very happy,
Fairly happy, or
Not too happy?

Q23. About how often do you and your spouse/partner do the following things? Would you say almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less often?

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

| Almost | Once or <br> every <br> twice | Once or <br> twice |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| day | Less |  |

a. Talk to each other about your day?
b. Laugh together?
c. Calmly discuss something? $\qquad$
d. Work together on a project?
e. Talk about things that interest you both? $\qquad$


Q24. Do you and your spouse/partner often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never have arguments about...

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

Often \begin{tabular}{c}
Some-

 

Hardly <br>
times
\end{tabular}



Q25. Couples deal with serious disagreements in different ways. When you have a serious disagreement with your spouse/partner, how often do you ...

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

Often \begin{tabular}{c}
Some- <br>
times

 

Hardly <br>
ever
\end{tabular}

a. Just keep your opinions to yourself? $\qquad$


The next questions are about daily routines that may occur in your family.
Q26. In a typical week, please write in the number of days you and your child eat breakfast together.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ I NUMBER OF TIMES

Q27. In a typical week, please write in the number of days you and your child eat the evening meal together.
$\qquad$ I NUMBER OF TIMES

Q28. Do you participate in any ongoing community service activity, for example, volunteering at a school, coaching a sports team, or working with a church or neighborhood association?


Yes
No

Q29. How often did you attend religious services in the past year? Was it...

Mark (X) one
Never or almost never,Several times a year,
Several times a month,
Once a week, or
Several times a week?

People sometimes feel satisfied about certain things in their life and want to change other things.
$\square$
Now we have some questions about your health and the health of your family.

Q31. Would you say your health in general is...
$\operatorname{Mark}(X)$ oneExcellent,Very good,Good,
$\square$ Fair, or
$\square$ Poor?

Q32. Do you smoke cigarettes now?


Q33. How many cigarettes or packs of cigarettes do you smoke on an average day now?
$\qquad$ | CIGARETTES PER DAY

OR $\qquad$ NUMBER OF PACKS PER DAY

Q34. Do you currently drink any alcoholic beverages?


Q35. How many alcoholic drinks do you have in an average week now?
Mark (X) oneNone
Less than 1 drink1 to 3 drinks
4 to 6 drinks
7 to 13 drinks
14 to 19 drinks
20 or more drinks

Q36. In the last month, how many times did you drink five or more alcoholic drinks at one sitting?
$\square$ TIMES

Q37. Have you or any of your blood relatives ever had .....

Mark (X) all that apply

| $\underline{\mathrm{NO}}$ | Self | Mother | Father | Brother | Sister | Other blood relative (e.g. Cousin, Grandparent) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. an alcohol abuse problem or disorder? $\qquad$ $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| b. a drug abuse problem or disorder? $\qquad$ $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| c. major depression? .................... $\quad \square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| d. a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, a paranoid disorder, bipolar disorder, or $\square$ manic episodes? $\qquad$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| e. asthma? ................................ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| f. a learning disability?................... |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| g. allergies? |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| h. diabetes? ................................ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

The following statements describe the way different fathers may act with their children. We want to know about your relationship with your father/father-figure while you were growing up. For each statement mark how well it describes the way your father/father figure treated you as a child. Respond to each statement the way you feel your father/father figure REALLY WAS rather than the way you might have liked him to be.


Q39. To what extent do you use the way your father or father figure raised you as a model for raising your own children? Would you say...


Very much
Somewhat
Not very much
$\square$ Not at all

NOTE: The next few questions are only for fathers who are new to the study.
If you filled out a father questionnaire when your child was about 9 months old, please check here $\square$ and $\longrightarrow$ Skip to the tracing information sheet on page 20.

We would like to ask a few more questions about your background.

## Q40. What is your birth date?



Q41. In what country were you born?
Mark (X) one
$\square$ United States (50 states or DC)
$\square$ U.S. territories: Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Mariana Islands, or Solomon Islands

Skip to statement before Q43
$\square$ Some other country Please specify 2

Q42. Are you a citizen of the United States?
$\square$ Yes
No

We also want to know what you think about being a father.
Q43. Here are some statements that men have made about their role as fathers. For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

For each item, mark ( $X$ ) one response

Strongly
agree
feelings toward babies $\qquad$
for them $\qquad$
$\square$ rewarding experience $\qquad$ emotional support $\qquad$
c. A father should be as heavily involved as the mother in the care of the child $\qquad$
e. The activities a father does with his children don't matter. What matters more is whether he provides One of the most important things a father can do for his children is to give their mother encouragement and
$\qquad$

Strongly disagree


Now we have a few questions about any marriages or children you have had.

## Q44. How many times, if ever, have you been married?

$\qquad$ | NUMBER OF TIMES MARRIED (including current marriage)

## Q45. Altogether, how many biological or natural children do you have?

Please include the subject child - that is the child selected for this survey.

## $\qquad$ | NUMBER OF CHILDREN

Q46. How old were you when your first child was born?
$\qquad$ | AGE WHEN FIRST CHILD WAS BORN

Q47. Do you have any biological or natural children who live outside your household?
$\square$ YesNo $\longrightarrow$ Skip to Q50

Q48. How many of your biological or natural children live outside of your household?
$\qquad$ | NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Q49. Do you pay child support for any of these children?


YesNo

Q50. Did any of the people you lived with during your school years—about age 5 to age 16—ever receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or welfare?

Mark (X) one


Q51. Between the ages of 5 and 16, was welfare assistance received during all, most, half, or just some of those years?

Mark (X) one
All
Most
Half
SomeDon't know

Q52. What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed?
Mark (X) one


Q53. Do you have a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a GED?
$\square$ YesNo

NOTE: The next few questions are ONLY for the child's biological father.
If you are NOT the child's biological father, please check here $\square$ and $\longrightarrow$ Skip to Tracing on page 20.

The next few questions are about before your child was born and the birth of your child. We would like to learn more about how fathers feel and the things they do during their spouse/partner's pregnancy and at childbirth.

Q54. At the time your spouse/partner became pregnant with the child, did you want her to have a(nother) baby at some time?

Mark (X) one


Yes
No $\longrightarrow$ Skip to Q56

Q55. Did she become pregnant sooner than you wanted, later than you wanted, or at about the right time?

Mark (X) one

Sooner
Later
At about the right time

Q56. When did you first hold your child?
Mark (X) one
$\square$ Within an hour after delivery
$\square$ The day of birth, but more than an hour after delivery
$\square 1$ day after birth
$\square$ 2-3 days after birth
$\square$ 4-7 days after birth
$\square$ 8-14 days after birth
$\square 15$ or more days after birth
$\square$ Couldn't hold child because child was in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)

## Tracing Information

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We may want to interview you again when your child is older. Just to make sure we can reach you in the future, we'd like to ask a few questions about how to find you.

Is there a relative or friend, who does not live in this household, who will always know how to get in touch with you?


What is the name, address, and telephone number of that person? We will only contact this person if we cannot find you.

FIRST NAME: $\qquad$ LAST NAME: $\qquad$
ADDRESS: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
CITY: $\qquad$ STATE: $\qquad$ ZIP CODE: $\qquad$

Relationship to you: $\qquad$

Aside from the person named above, is there another relative or friend, who does not live in this household, who will always know how to get in touch with you?


What is the name, address, and telephone number of that person? We will only contact this person if we cannot find you.

FIRST NAME: $\qquad$ LAST NAME: $\qquad$
ADDRESS: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
CITY: $\qquad$ STATE: $\qquad$ ZIP CODE: $\qquad$

Relationship to you: $\qquad$

Your comments will be appreciated, either here or in a separate envelope.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Please return your completed questionnaire in the enclosed envelope to:

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