

The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study

(SURVEY OF PARENTS)

Nine-Year Follow-Up

Primary Caregiver Self-Administered Questionnaire

Public Use Version

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Surveys were conducted by Westat, Inc. under contract with the Center for Research on Child Wellbeing at Princeton University and the Columbia Population Research Center at Columbia University.

This questionnaire is about you and the child living with you who is participating in the Survey of Parents. Whenever you see (CHILD), it is referring to the child who is part of this study. This questionnaire is to be filled out by you. It will take about 20 minutes to complete. If you have questions about any item, you may ask the interviewer for an explanation.

Q1. Children often do things that are wrong, disobey, or make their parents angry. We would like to know what you have done when (CHILD) did something wrong or made you upset or angry.

Please read the following list of things you might have done in the past year. For each item record whether you have done this once in the past year, twice, 3-5 times, 6-10 times, 11-20 times, more than 20 times in the past year, or have you done it but not in the past year, or has it never happened?

For each item, mark (X) one response

| | | ONCE | TWICE | 3-5 TIMES | 6-10 TIMES | 11-20 TIMES | MORE THAN 20 TIMES | YES BUT NOT IN PAST YEAR | THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED |
|-----|---|------|-------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Q1A | Explained to (CHILD) why something he or she did was wrong.... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1B | Put (CHILD) in "time out" (or sent (CHILD) to his or her room)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1C | Shook (CHILD) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1D | Hit him or her on the bottom with something like a belt, hairbrush, a stick or some other hard object | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1E | Gave him/her something else to do instead of what he or she was doing... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1F | Shouted, yelled, or screamed at (CHILD) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1G | Spanked him or her on the bottom with your bare hand..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1H | Swore or cursed at him or her..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1I | Said you would send him or her away or would kick him or her out of the house..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1J | Threatened to spank or hit him or her but did not actually do it | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1K | Slapped him or her on the hand, arm, or leg | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1L | Took away privileges from him or her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1M | Pinched him or her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q1N | Called him or her dumb or lazy or some other name like that..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

Q2. Sometimes things can get in the way of caring for your child the way you would like to: for example, money problems, personal problems, or having a lot to do.

For each item, please record how many times in the past year this has happened to you in trying to care for (CHILD). Was it once in the past year, twice, 3-5 times, 6-10 times, 11-20 times, more than 20 times in the past year, it happened, but not in the past year, or has this never happened?

For each item, mark (X) one response

| | | ONCE | TWICE | 3-5 TIMES | 6-10 TIMES | 11-20 TIMES | MORE THAN 20 TIMES | YES BUT NOT IN PAST YEAR | THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED |
|-----|---|------|-------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Q2A | Had to leave (CHILD) home alone, even when you thought some adult should be with him or her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q2B | Were so caught up with your own problems that you were not able to show or tell (CHILD) that you loved him or her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q2C | Were not able to make sure (CHILD) got the food he or she needed | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Q2D | Were not able to make sure (CHILD) got to a doctor or hospital when he or she needed it.. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

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| Q2E | Were so drunk or high that you had a problem taking care of (CHILD) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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Q3. The following questions are about (CHILD) and how he or she behaves.

For each item, please report whether this is Not True (so far as you know), Somewhat or Sometimes True, OR Very True or Often True for (CHILD)?

For each item, mark (X) one response.

| | | NOT TRUE | SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE | VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE |
|-----|---|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Q3A | Acts too young for his or her age | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3B | Drinks alcohol without parents' approval | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3C | Argues a lot | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3D | Fails to finish things he or she starts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3E | There is very little he or she enjoys | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3F | Braggs or boasts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3G | Can't concentrate, can't pay attention for long | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3H | Can't get his or her mind off certain thoughts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3I | Can't sit still, is restless, or hyperactive | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3J | Clings to adults or too dependent | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3K | Complains of loneliness | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3L | Is confused or seems to be in a fog | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3M | Cries a lot | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3N | Is cruel to animals | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3O | Is cruel, bullies, or shows meanness to others | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| | | NOT TRUE | SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE | VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE |
|------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q3P | Day-dreams or gets lost in thoughts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3Q | Deliberately harms self or attempts suicide | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3R | Demands a lot of attention | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3S | Destroys his or her own things..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3T | Destroys things belonging to family or others..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3U | Is disobedient at home..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3V | Is disobedient at school | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3W | Doesn't get along with other kids..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3X | Doesn't seem to feel guilty after misbehaving | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3Y | Is easily jealous..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AA | Breaks rules at home, school or elsewhere..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AB | Fears certain animals, situations, or places, other than school..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AC | Fears going to school..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AD | Fears he or she might think or do something bad | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AE | Feels he or she has to be perfect | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AF | Feels or complains that no one loves him or her | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AG | Feels others are out to get him or her..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AH | Feels worthless or inferior..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AI | Gets hurt a lot or is accident-prone..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AJ | Gets in many fights | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AK | Gets teased a lot..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AL | Hangs around with others who get in trouble | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| | | NOT TRUE | SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE | VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE |
|-------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q3AM | Hears sounds or voices that aren't there | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AN | Is impulsive or acts without thinking | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AO | Would rather be alone than with others | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AP | Lies or cheats..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AQ | Is nervous, highstrung, or tense | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AR | Has nervous movements or twitches..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AS | Has nightmares..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AT | Is not liked by other kids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AU | Is constipated, doesn't have bowel movements | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AV | Is too fearful or anxious..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AW | Feels dizzy or lightheaded | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AX | Feels too guilty..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AY | Overeats..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3AZ | Is overtired without good reason..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BA | Is overweight..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BB | Has physical problems without known medical cause: | | | |
| q3bb1 | Aches or pains | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb2 | Headaches..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb3 | Nausea..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb4 | Problems with eyes..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb5 | Rashes and other skin problems | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb6 | Stomach aches or cramps..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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|---------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| q3bb7 | Vomiting, throwing up | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb101 | 101. Asthma or breathing problems | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb102 | 102. Allergies | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb103 | 103. Nose bleeds | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb104 | 104. Learning disability | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q3bb8 | Other <i>Please specify</i> . _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BC | Physically attacks people | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BD | Picks nose, skin, or other parts of body | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BE | Plays with own sex parts in public | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BF | Plays with own sex parts too much | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BG | Does poor school work | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BH | Is poorly coordinated or clumsy | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BI | Prefers being with older kids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BJ | Prefers being with younger kids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BK | Refuses to talk | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BL | Repeats certain acts over and over; has compulsions | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BM | Runs away from home | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BN | Screams a lot | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BO | Is secretive, keeps things to self | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BP | Sees things that aren't there | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BQ | Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BR | Sets fires | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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|------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q3BS | Has sexual problems | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BT | Shows off or clowns | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BU | Is shy or timid | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BV | Sleeps less than most kids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BW | Is inattentive or easily distracted | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BX | Has a speech problem | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BY | Stares blankly..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3BZ | Steals at home | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CA | Steals outside the home | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CB | Stores up too many things he or she doesn't need | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CD | Exhibits strange behavior..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CE | Has strange ideas | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CF | Is stubborn, sullen, or irritable..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CG | Has sudden changes in mood or feelings..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CH | Sulks a lot..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CI | Is suspicious..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CJ | Swears or uses obscene language..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CK | Talks about killing self..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CL | Talks or walks in sleep..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CM | Talks too much..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CN | Teases a lot..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CO | Has temper tantrums or a hot temper | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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|------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q3CP | Thinks about sex too much..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CQ | Threatens people | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CR | Smokes, chews, or sniffs tobacco..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CS | Has trouble sleeping | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CT | Is truant, skips school | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CU | Is underactive, slow moving, or lacks energy. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CV | Is unhappy, sad, or depressed..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CW | Is unusually loud | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CX | Uses alcohol or drugs for nonmedical purposes..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CY | Vandalizes..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3CZ | Whines | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DA | Is withdrawn, doesn't get involved with others..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DB | Worries..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DC | Understands others' feelings, like when they are happy, sad, or mad | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DD | Is sympathetic toward other children's distress, tries to comfort others when they are upset..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DE | Is open and direct about what he or she wants | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DF | Joins group activities without being told to | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DG | Makes friends easily | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DH | Is self-confident in social situations such as parties or group outings..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DI | Easily changes from one activity to another | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DJ | Shows interest in a variety of things | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DK | Starts conversations rather than waiting for others to talk first..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| | | NOT TRUE | SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE | VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE |
|------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q3DL | Is liked by others | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DM | Accepts friends' ideas for playing | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DN | Invites others to your home..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Q3DO | Reports accidents to appropriate persons | 1 | 2 | 3 |


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ARE YOU (CHILD'S) BIOLOGICAL PARENT?

- 1 YES.....GO TO Q4 ON NEXT PAGE
- 2 NO.....STOP. *Thank you for your time.*

Q4. Since (CHILD) was born, has Child Protective Services contacted you with concerns that any child or children in this household had been abused or neglected by a family member or someone else?

Yes 1
 No 2 → Skip to END



Q5. How many times have you been contacted since (CHILD) was born? Please only count times Child Protective Services has contacted you because of new concerns about abuse or neglect.


|_|_| NUMBER OF TIMES

Q6. In what month and year did the most recent contact occur?

|_|_| / |_|_|_|_|
 MONTH YEAR
p5q6m **p5q6y**

Q7. Were you told why Child Protective Services was contacting you?

Yes 1
 No 2 → Skip to Q10



Q8. What were the concerns that Child Protective Services told you?

Mark (X) all that apply

- p5q8_1** Physical abuse 1
- p5q8_2** Sexual abuse 2
- p5q8_3** Neglect 3
- p5q8_4** Other (please specify) 4 ↪

- p5q8_101** Parental in-fighting 101

Q9 Did this most recent contact concern (CHILD) or another child in this household, or both (CHILD) and other children in this household?

REMEMBER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

Mark (X) one

- (CHILD) 1
- Another child 2
- (CHILD) and other children 3

Q10. Was Child Protective services concerned about actions by you yourself, someone else living in the household, or someone outside the household?

REMEMBER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

Mark (X) all that apply

- p5q10_1** Self.....1
- p5q10_2** Someone else living in the household.....2
- p5q10_3** Someone outside the household.....3

Q11. Did a Child Protective Services worker monitor the case because of these concerns?

REMEMBER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

- Yes, case monitored 1
- No, case not monitored 2

Q12. Was there court involvement because of these concerns?

REMEMBER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

Yes, court involvement..... 1

No, no court involvement 2

Q13. Was one or more of these children placed outside of the home because of these concerns?

REMEMBER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

Yes, (CHILD)/children placed out of home 1

No, (CHILD)/children not placed out of home 2

Q14. Where did the child(ren) go to live for most of the amount of time while they were out of the home?

Mark (X) one

Relative's/Kin's home 1

Foster family home 2

Residential institution..... 3

Other (please specify)..... 4 

END: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.