

The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study changed its name to The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS). Due to the issue date of this document, FFCWS will be referenced by its former name. Any further reference to FFCWS should kindly observe this name change.

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 OR 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

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

		NOT TRUE	SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE	VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE
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

		NOT TRUE	SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE	VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE
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

		NOT TRUE	SOMEWHAT OR SOMETIMES TRUE	VERY TRUE OR OFTEN TRUE
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 YESGO TO Q4 ON NEXT PAGE
- 2 NOSTOP. *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 ↷
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- 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 household2
- p5q10_3** Someone outside the household3

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 
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END: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.