

EHS 5TH GRADE FOLLOW-UP STUDY
HOME ENVIRONMENT
OBSERVATION

1. PARENTAL WARMTH

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a. Parent talks twice to CHILD during visit (beyond correction and introduction).	•	•
b. Parent answers one of CHILD's questions or requests verbally.	•	•
c. Parent encourages CHILD to contribute to the conversation during the visit.	•	•
d. Parent helps CHILD demonstrate some achievement during visit or mentions a particular skill, strength, or achievement.	•	•
e. Parent spontaneously praises CHILD's behavior or qualities twice during visit.	•	•
f. Parent uses some term of endearment or some diminutive for CHILD's name when talking about or to him/her at least twice during visit.	•	•
g. Parent's voice conveys positive feeling when speaking of or to CHILD.	•	•
h. Parent caresses, kisses, or cuddles CHILD once during visit.	•	•
i. Parent shows some positive emotional responses to praise of CHILD by visitor.	•	•

2. PARENTAL LACK OF HOSTILITY

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a. Parent shouts at CHILD during visit.	•	•
b. Parent expresses overt annoyance with or hostility toward CHILD- complains, describes him/her as “bad”, says he won’t mind, etc.	•	•
c. Parent slaps or spanks child during visit.	•	•
d. Parent scolds, derogates or criticizes CHILD more than once.	•	•

3. PARENTAL VERBAL SKILLS

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a. Parent’s speech is distinct, clear, and audible to the interviewer.	•	•
b. Parent initiates verbal exchanges with visitor, asks questions, makes spontaneous comments.	•	•
c. Parent expresses ideas freely and easily uses statements of appropriate length.	•	•
d. Parent appears to readily understand the interviewer’s questions.	•	•

4. INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

	YES	NO
a. House or apartment is free of potentially dangerous structural or health hazards (exposed outlets, broken windows, windows without screens or guards, leaking radiator, pots hanging over edge of stove)	•	•
b. House or apartment has at least 100 square feet of living space per person	•	•
c. House or apartment is clean; all visible rooms of the home are reasonably clean and minimally cluttered	•	•
	YES	NO
d. In terms of available <u>floor space</u> , the rooms are not overcrowded with furniture	•	•
e. The interior of the house or apartment is not dark or perceptually monotonous	•	•
f. House or apartment is not overly noisy – from noise in the house (television, shouts of children, radio)	•	•
g. House or apartment is not overly noisy – from noise outside the house (train, cars, people, music)	•	•
h. There are no obvious signs of recent alcohol or non-prescription drug consumption in the home (drug paraphernalia, beer cans, liquor bottles)	•	•

5. EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

	Well kept, good repair	Fair condition	Poor condition	Badly deteriorated
a. How would you rate the general condition of <u>most</u> of the housing units or other buildings in the face-block?	•	•	•	
	Very good - recent resurfacing, smooth	Moderate - evidence kept in good repair	Fair – minor repairs needed, but not rough surface	Poor - potholes and other evidence of neglect
b. How would you rate the condition of the street in the face-block?	•	•	•	•
	None, or almost none	Yes, but not a lot	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, just about everywhere
c. Is there garbage, litter, or broken glass (except beer/liquor bottles) in the street or on the sidewalk (including around the dwelling unit and neighboring houses)?	•		•	•
	None, or almost none	Yes, but not a lot	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, just about everywhere
d. Are there drug-related paraphernalia, condoms, beer or liquor containers or packaging, cigarette butts or discarded cigarette packages in the street or on the sidewalk?	•	•	•	•

	No traffic permitted	Very light	Light	Moderate	Heavy	Very heavy
e. How would you rate the volume of traffic on the face-block?	•	•	•	•	•	•

	No children visible or all in yards	Yes, one or two children	Yes, three or more children
f. Are there children playing on the sidewalks or in the street of the face-block?		•	•

	No persons observed in the street or sidewalk	None observed behaving in hostile way	Yes, one or two behaving in a hostile manner	Yes, three or more behaving in a hostile manner
g. Are there any adults or teenagers in the street or on the sidewalk arguing, fighting, drinking, or behaving in any kind of hostile or threatening way?	•	•		•

	Very comfortable: can imagine living/working/shopping here	Comfortable: it seems to be a safe and friendly place	Fairly safe and comfortable	I would be uncomfortable living/working/shopping here	I felt afraid for my personal safety
h. How did you feel parking, walking or waiting at the door in the face-block?	•	•	•	•	•