

¹ Some items or sections of the NSCAW Caregiver instrument were dependent on whether the sampled child was living with a permanent caregiver (e.g., biological parent, adoptive parent) or a non-permanent caregiver (e.g., foster parent, relative, or informal foster caregiver).

Overview of NSCAW Investigative and Services Caseworker Instrument Module

| Module | CAPI Section | Construct | Measure | Author/Publisher | Waves | Information Gathered |
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| Questionnaire Introduction | QC | N/A | Project-developed intro script | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | N/A |
| Up-Front Module | UF | N/A | Project-developed questions to drive instrument wording/flow and ensure data linkage | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | Caseworker name and employee ID (to link child interviews to caseworker interviews); employer, date of birth, and name and relationship of child's current caregiver |
| Case Investigation | CI | Case Investigation | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1 | Circumstances surrounding the investigative report; background of the caseworker |
| Alleged Abuse | AA | Nature of abuse | English, D. J. & the LONGSCAN Investigators (1997). Modified Maltreatment Classification System (MMCS). For more information visit the LONGSCAN website at http://www.iprc.unc.edu/longscan/ As modified from the Maltreatment Classification System outlined in: Barnett, D., Manly, J.T. and Cicchetti, D. (1993). Defining Child Maltreatment: The interface between policy and research. In: D. Cicchetti and S.L. Toth (Eds.), Advances in Applied Developmental Psychology: Child Abuse, Child Development and Social Policy. Norwood, NJ: Ablex Publishing Corp., Chapter 2, pp. 7-73. | N/A | 1 | Details about the specific nature of the alleged abuse or neglect |
| Risk Assessment | RA | Risk Assessment | Project-developed questions based on questions from Michigan, New York, Washington, Illinois, Colorado risk assessment forms and checklists | N/A | 1 | Factors determining case decisions, including prior history of abuse or neglect, caregiver substance abuse, domestic violence in the home, caregiver mental health problems, poor parenting skills, excessive discipline, and so forth. |
| History Since Case Report | HR | Project-developed questions | N/A | N/A | 2, 3 | Child's history with the child welfare system since the case report that resulted in the child's selection for NSCAW |
| Caseworker Involvement | IV | Caseworker involvement with child/family | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Caseworker's individual involvement with case, including referrals made for family members, caseworker contact with siblings, number of contacts with service providers and family, and attitudes about service to family |
| Services to Parents | SP | Services to parents | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | Service needs for all cases. |
| Services to Child | SC | Services to child | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | Services child may have received asked of all cases. |
| Independent living | IM | Independent living skills | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Independent living skills the child may have developed and where each skill was learned |
| Adoption Module | AM | Adoption possibilities for child | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Adoption possibilities for children in out-of-home care; also factors that encouraged or discouraged the caregiver's decision about adoption |

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| Permanency Planning | PO | Permanency planning possibilities for child | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Permanency planning possibilities for children in out-of-home care, including adoption, legal guardianship, and long-term foster care; also factors that encouraged or discouraged the caregiver's permanency planning decision. PO module replaced the AM module from prior waves. |
| History Before Case Report | HB | Prior reports of abuse/neglect | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Child's history with the child welfare system before the case report that resulted in the child's selection for NSCAW. Administered Wave 2. |
| Court Hearings | CT | Involvement with juvenile justice/court system | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | History of court hearings related to case, including hearing type, recommendations by the child welfare agency, outcome |
| Living Environments | LN | Child=s placement history/parental living situations | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | History of child's living situations since investigation, including type of living arrangement and child's contact with biological parents |
| Family Compliance and Progress | CP | Family=s compliance and progress towards case plan | Project-developed questions | N/A | 2, 3 | Family's progress with and adherence to case plan |
| Caseworker Background | CB | Caseworker demographic characteristics | Project-developed questions | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | Demographic information about caseworker, employment and educational history, and attitudinal questions about work; completed as self-admin paper questionnaire or CAPI . Brief subset of items administered in subsequent waves. |
| Organizational Climate | OC | Climate of agency | Organizational Social Context (OSC) | Glisson (2006) | 2 | Assesses culture, climate, and social context of agency. |
| Caseworker Interview Close | CW | N/A | Project-developed script to end caseworker interview | N/A | 1, 2, 3 | N/A |