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We would like get a sense of who you are as a parent. We realize that children are different and may require different parenting.

**SECTION A. PARENTING AND CO-PARENTING**

Questions in this section are about your child—or if you have more than one, your two youngest children—under the age of 21.

A1a. Do you have any children who are under 21 years old? Please only include your biological or legally adopted children.

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Yes, I have one child who is younger than age 21

2 ⬜ Yes, I have more than one child who is younger than age 21 **go to A1d**

3 ⬜ No, I have no children

**GO TO B1**

4 ⬜ No, all my children are 21 years or older

A1b. What is your child’s first name or initials?

[child1]

A1c. How old is your child? [child 1]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years **GO TO A1f**

A1d. What is your youngest child’s first name or initials? [child 1]

A1e. How old is your youngest child? [child 1]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

A1f. Does [CHILD1] live with you all or most of the time?

1 ⬜ Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time **go to A3**

0 ⬜ No, he or she does not live with me all or most of the time

A2a. When was the last time you saw [CHILD1]?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ In the past week

**GO TOA2b**

2 ⬜ In the past month

3 ⬜ In the past six months

**GO TOA2d**

4 ⬜ In the past year

5 ⬜ 1-2 years ago

6 ⬜ More than 2 years ago

7 ⬜ Never

A2b. In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD1]?

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times in the past month

4 ⬜ I did not see this child in the past month **GO TO A2d**

A2c. In the past month when you saw [CHILD1], how many hours per day did you usually spend with [CHILD1]?

| | | hours

**A2d. In the past month, how often have you reached out to [CHILD1] even if [CHILD1] did not respond?** **This includes calling on the phone; sending email, letters, or cards; texting; or using Facebook or FaceTime.**

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times in the past month

4 ⬜ Never in the past month

A2e. In the past month, did you buy things for [CHILD1] that he or she needed like diapers, clothes, school supplies, medicine, or other things he or she needed?

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

A2f. Do you have an agreement with the mother of [CHILD1] about spending time with [CHILD1]?

1 ⬜ Yes, we have a legal document

2 ⬜ Yes, we have a written agreement that is not court-ordered

3 ⬜ Yes, we have a verbal understanding

4 ⬜ No, we have no parenting agreement go to A6

A2g. How often does [CHILD1]’s mother follow the agreement?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Always

2 ⬜ Often

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Never

A2h. How often do you follow the agreement?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Always

2 ⬜ Often

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Never

A3. Please tell us how often you’ve felt or acted this way in the past month with [CHILD1].

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. I am happy being with [CHILD1] | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. [CHILD1] and I are very close to each other | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I try to comfort [CHILD1] when s/he is upset | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I spend time with [CHILD1] doing what s/he likes to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A4. Over the past month, how often did you…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **1 – 3 TIMES A MONTH** | **1 – 3 TIMES A WEEK** | **EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY** |
| a. ...hit, spank, grab, or use physical punishment with [CHILD 1]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. ...yell, shout, or scream at [CHILD 1] because you were mad at him/her? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. ...talk to [CHILD 1] about what he/she did wrong? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A5. In the past month, how often have you...

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **1 – 3 TIMES A MONTH** | **1 – 3 TIMES A WEEK** | **EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY** |
| a. Had a meal together with [CHILD1]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Taken [CHILD1] places he/she needed to go, such as to school or to the doctor? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Helped [CHILD1] with his/her bedtime routine or homework? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. Talked with [CHILD1] about things he/she is especially interested in? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A6. In the past month, how often have you felt overwhelmed by your parenting responsibilities?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Never

2 ⬜ Hardly ever

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Often

[If A1a = 2, continue to A7a; else, GO TO B1.]

**Now think about your next youngest biological or legally adopted child, [CHILD2].**

A7a. What is your next youngest child’s first name or initials?

[child2]

A7b. How old is your next youngest child?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

A8. Does [CHILD2] live with you all or most of the time?

1 ⬜ Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time **go to a10**

0 ⬜ No, he/she does not live with me all or most of the time **go to A9a**

**A9a. When was the last time you saw [CHILD2]?**

MARK one only

1 ⬜ In the past week

2 ⬜ In the past month

3 ⬜ In the past six months

**GO TO A9d**

4 ⬜ In the past year

5 ⬜ 1-2 years ago

6 ⬜ More than 2 years ago

7 ⬜ Never

A9b. In the past month, how often did you see [CHILD2]?

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times in the past month

4 ⬜ I did not see this child in the past month **GO TO A9d**

A9c. In the past month when you saw [CHILD2], how many hours per day did you usually spend with [CHILD2]?

| | | hours

**A9d. In the past month, how often have you reached out to [CHILD2] even if [CHILD2] did not** respond? This includes calling on the phone; sending email, letters, or cards; texting; or using Facebook or FaceTime.

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Every day or almost every day

2 ⬜ One to three times a week

3 ⬜ One to three times in the past month

4 ⬜ Never in the past month

A9e. In the past month, did you buy things for [CHILD2] that he or she needed like diapers, clothes, school supplies, medicine, or other things he or she needed?

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

A9f. Do you have an agreement with the mother of [CHILD2] about spending time with [CHILD2]?

1 ⬜ Yes, we have a legal document

2 ⬜ Yes, we have a written agreement that is not court-ordered

3 ⬜ Yes, we have a verbal understanding

4 ⬜ No, we have no parenting agreement **go to A13**

A9g. How often does [CHILD2]’s mother follow the agreement?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Always

2 ⬜ Often

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Never

A9h. How often do you follow the agreement?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Always

2 ⬜ Often

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Never

A10. Please tell us how often you’ve felt or acted this way in the past month with [CHILD2].

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. I am happy being with [CHILD2] | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. [CHILD2] and I are very close to each other | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I try to comfort [CHILD2] when s/he is upset | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I spend time with [CHILD2] doing what s/he likes to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A11. Over the past month, how often did you…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **A FEW TIMES A MONTH** | **A FEW TIMES A WEEK** | **EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERYDAY** |
| a. …hit, spank, grab, or use physical punishment with [CHILD2]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. …yell, shout, or scream at [CHILD2] because you are mad at him/her? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. ...talk to [CHILD2] about what he/she did wrong? | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |

A12. In the past month, how often have you...

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **1 – 3 TIMES A MONTH** | **1 – 3 TIMES A WEEK** | **EVERY DAY OR ALMOST EVERY DAY** |
| a. Had a meal together with [CHILD2]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Taken [CHILD2] places he/she needed to go, such as to school or to the doctor? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Helped [CHILD2] with his/her bedtime routine or homework? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. Talked with [CHILD2] about things he/she is especially interested in? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A13. In the past month, how often have you felt overwhelmed by your parenting responsibilities?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Never

2 ⬜ Hardly ever

3 ⬜ Sometimes

4 ⬜ Often

**SECTION B. ECONOMIC STABILITY**

B1. Currently, do you…

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | |
|  | **YES** | **NO** |
| a. Have a checking account? | 1 ⬜ | 0 ⬜ |
| b. Have a savings account? | 1 ⬜ | 0 ⬜ |
| c. Use a budget to plan your spending? | 1 ⬜ | 0 ⬜ |

B2. How often do you find it difficult to pay your bills?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Never

2 ⬜ Once in a while

3 ⬜ Somewhat often

4 ⬜ Very often

B3. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** | **NOT APPLICABLE** |
| a. I would like to learn new job skills | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| b. I have good job skills | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| c. I know where to find job openings | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| d. I know how to apply for a job | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| e. I feel confident in my ability to conduct an effective job search for a job I want | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| f. I feel confident in my interviewing skills | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |  |
| g. I would like to get a job | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | na ⬜ |
| h. I would like to get a better job | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | na ⬜ |
| i. I am usually on time for work | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | na ⬜ |
| j. If I’m not going to go to work, I let my supervisor know ahead of time | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | na ⬜ |

B4. Do you have an updated resume that you can give to employers?

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

B5. Below are some general statements about knowledge of child support. For each statement, please indicate whether you believe it is true or false.

*Please complete this question even if you do not have a child support order.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | |
|  | **TRUE** | **FALSE** | **I DON’T KNOW** |
| a. Fathers can get help with their child support by calling the child support agency | 1  | 2  | d  |
| b. A father has the right to ask for a change in the amount of his child support order | 1  | 2  | d  |
| c. The law requires a father to pay child support even if the mother of his child has a new partner | 1  | 2  | d  |
| d. The law requires a father to pay child support even if the child’s mother prevents him from seeing his child | 1  | 2  | d  |

B6. Do you have a legal arrangement or child support order that requires you to provide financial support for ANY of your children that do not live with you all or most of the time?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Yes

2 ⬜ No

**GO TO C1**

3 ⬜ I don’t know

B7. Do you know how to request a change in your child support order if your income changes?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

d ⬜ I don’t know

**SECTION C. RELATIONSHIPS/MARRIAGE**

C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. It is better for children if their parents are married | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Living together is just the same as being married | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C2. Are you currently in a relationship (whether you are married or not married)?

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No **go to D1**

C3. Which of the following statements best describes your relationship with your current partner?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ We are married

2 ⬜ We are romantically involved on a steady basis

3 ⬜ We are involved in an on-again and off-again relationship

C4. In the past month, how often have the following happened?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. My partner/spouse was rude or mean to me when we disagreed. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. My partner/spouse seemed to view my words or actions more negatively than I meant them to be. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Our arguments became very heated. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. Small issues suddenly became big arguments. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. My partner/spouse or I stayed mad at one another after an argument. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C5. In the past month, how often have the following happened?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. My partner/spouse blamed me for his/her problems. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. My partner/spouse yelled or screamed at me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C6. How satisfied are you with the way you and your partner/spouse handle conflict?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Very satisfied

2 ⬜ Somewhat satisfied

3 ⬜ Not at all satisfied

**SECTION D. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**D1. This question is about feelings you may have experienced recently. During the PAST 30 DAYS,** how often have you felt…

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **NONE OF THE TIME** | **A LITTLE OF THE TIME** | **SOME OF THE TIME** | **MOST OF THE TIME** | **ALL OF THE TIME** |
| a. Nervous? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| b. Hopeless? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| c. Restless or fidgety? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| d. So depressed that nothing could cheer you up? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| e. That everything was an effort? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |
| f. Worthless? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ | 5 ⬜ |

D2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. I have little control over the things that happen to me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. I have hope when I think about my future. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I wouldn’t know where to go for help if I had money troubles. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I have others who will listen when I need to talk about my problems.. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. When I am lonely, there are several people I can talk to. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| f. I have people I can count on if I am feeling down. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| g. If there is a crisis, I have others I can talk to. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

D3. Is there someone you could you turn to, such as a friend or family member, if you suddenly needed to borrow money?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No

d  ⬜ I don’t know

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**