

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
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