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[A1a: ASK ALL]

**SECTION A: PARENTING**

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

**Questions in this section are about your child—or if you have more than one child, 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 children or children you have legally adopted.

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 A1c**

3 ⬜ No, I have no children

**GO TO B1**

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

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A1a = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  IF A1a = NO RESPONSE, GO TO B1 |

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

[child1] GO TO A1d

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A1b = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  IF A1b = NO RESPONSE, GO TO A1d |

A1c. What is your youngest child’s first name or initials?

[child1]

A1d. How old is [YOURCHILD1]?

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

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A1d > 20; **Your child’s age should be less than 21 years.**  HARD CHECK: IF A1d = non-numeric OR A1d < 0; **Please enter a number. Your child’s age should be less than 21 years.** |

**A1e. Does [YOURCHILD1] live with you all or most of the time?**

1 ⬜ Yes, he or she lives with me all or most of the time

**IF A1a = 2, go to A4; Else go to B1**

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

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A1e = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  IF A1e = NO RESPONSE AND A1a=2, GO TO A4; ELSE GO TO B1 |

A2. Please answer questions in A2 for [YOURCHILD1] only.

A2a. Please tell us how often you’ve felt or acted this way in the past month with [YOURCHILD1].

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|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. I am happy being with [MYCHILD1] | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. [MYCHILD1] and I are very close to each other | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I try to comfort [MYCHILD1] when he/she is upset | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I spend time with [MYCHILD1] doing what he/she likes to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A2b. Over the past month, how often did you…

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|  | 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 [YOURCHILD1]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. ... yell, shout, or scream at [YOURCHILD1] because you were mad at him/her? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. ...talk to [YOURCHILD1] about what he/she did wrong? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**[MYCHILD1]’s other parent and I work well together as parents.**

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Strongly agree

2 ⬜ Agree

3 ⬜ Disagree

4 ⬜ Strongly disagree

[IF A1a = 2, CONTINUE TO A4; ELSE, GO TO A7]

A4. Now think about your next youngest biological or legally adopted child.

A4a. What is your next youngest child’s first name or initials?

[CHILD2]

A4b. How old is [YOURCHILD2]?

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

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A4b > 20; **Your child’s age should be less than 21 years.**  HARD CHECK: IF A4b = non-numeric OR A4b < 0; **Please enter a number. Your child’s age should be less than 21 years.** |

A4c. Does [YOURCHILD2] 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 A5a**

2 ⬜ No, he or she does not live with me all or most of the time **IF A1e = 1, GO TO A7; ELSE go to B1**

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| SOFT CHECK: IF A4c = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  IF A4c = NO RESPONSE AND A1E = 1, GO TO A7, ELSE if A4c = NO RESPONSE and A1E != 1, THEN GO TO B1 |

Please answer questions in A5 for [YOURCHILD2] only.

A5a. Please tell us how often each of the following happens in your family.

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|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. I am happy being with [MYCHILD2] | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. [MYCHILD2] and I are very close to each other | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I try to comfort [MYCHILD2] when he/she is upset | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I spend time with [MYCHILD2] doing what he/she likes to do | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A5b. Over the past month, how often did you…

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|  | 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 [YOURCHILD2]? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. ... yell, shout, or scream at [YOURCHILD2] because you were mad at him/her? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. ...talk to [YOURCHILD2] about what he/she did wrong? | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

A6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**[MYCHILD2]’s other parent and I work well together as parents.**

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Strongly agree

2 ⬜ Agree

3 ⬜ Disagree

4 ⬜ Strongly disagree

A7. *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

**GO TO QUESTION B1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**SECTION B: ECONOMIC STABILITY**

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| SECTION B: ASK ALL |

B1. **Currently, do you…**

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|  | 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?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 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

**GO TO QUESTION C1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**SECTION C: MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS**

[C1: ASK ALL]

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 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: ASK ALL]

C2. Are you currently in a relationship (whether you are married or unmarried)?

1 ⬜ Yes

0 ⬜ No **go to D1**

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| SOFT CHECK: IF C2 = NO RESPONSE; **This question is very important. Please select an answer.**  IF C2 = NO RESPONSE, 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. How much of the time do you live with your partner?

MARK ONE ONLY

1 ⬜ All of the time

2 ⬜ Most of the time

3 ⬜ Some of the time

4 ⬜ None of the time

C5. This question is about your relationship with your partner/spouse. During the *past month*, how often did the following happen?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **NEVER** | **HARDLY EVER** | **SOMETIMES** | **OFTEN** |
| a. My partner/spouse and I were good at working out our differences. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. I felt respected even when my partner/spouse and I disagreed. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. When my partner/spouse and I had a serious disagreement, we worked on it together to find a resolution. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. When my partner/spouse and I had a serious disagreement, we discussed our disagreements respectfully. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. During arguments, my partner/spouse and I were good at taking breaks when we needed them. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| f. When my partner/spouse and I argued, past hurts got brought up again. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| g. My partner/spouse understands that there are times when I do not feel like talking and times when he/she does. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C6. During the *past month*, how often has the following happened?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 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 ⬜ |

C7. In the *past month*, how often has 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 ⬜ |
| b. My partner/spouse yelled or screamed at me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C8. 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

C9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your partner/spouse?

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|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **STRONGLY AGREE** | **AGREE** | **DISAGREE** | **STRONGLY DISAGREE** |
| a. I trust my partner/spouse completely. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. My partner/spouse knows and understands me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. I can count on my partner/spouse to be there for me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| d. I feel appreciated by my partner/spouse. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| e. My partner/spouse expresses love and affection toward me. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C10. In the past month, how often have you and your partner/spouse done the following things?

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|  | MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW | | | |
|  | **ALMOST EVERY DAY** | **ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK** | **ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH** | **LESS OFTEN** |
| a. Talk to each other about the day. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| b. Laugh together. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |
| c. Participate together in an activity we both enjoy. | 1 ⬜ | 2 ⬜ | 3 ⬜ | 4 ⬜ |

C11. How satisfied are you with your current relationship?

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Very satisfied

2 ⬜ Somewhat satisfied

3 ⬜ Not satisfied

C12. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement? I view our marriage/relationship as lifelong.

MARK one only

1 ⬜ Strongly agree

2 ⬜ Agree

3 ⬜ Disagree

4 ⬜ Strongly disagree

**GO TO QUESTION D1 ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**SECTION D: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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| SECTION D: ASK ALL |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 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 ⬜ |

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**