

THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE PANEL STUDY OF INCOME DYNAMICS

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Preface

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Chapter 1 *Overview of the Study*

Summary

Between February 1996 and June 1998, the University of Michigan, Survey Research Center conducted the 1997 Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). The objective of the project was to gather data that would provide researchers with comprehensive and nationally representative information about children and their families to study how economic and social differences affect child development.

The Child Development Supplement to the PSID obtained the following: (i) reliable, age graded assessments of the cognitive, behavioral, and health status of 3,600 children (including about 250 immigrant children) obtained from the mother, a second parent or parent-figure, the teacher or child care provider, and the child; (ii) a comprehensive accounting of parental and caregiver time inputs to children as well as other aspects of the way children and adolescents spend their time; (iii) teacher-reported time use in elementary and preschool programs; and (iv) other-than-time use measures of other resources--for example, the learning environment in the home, teacher and administrator reports of school resources, and parent-reported measures of neighborhood resources. Data were collected from 2,394 PSID families with 3,586 children aged twelve and under.

Introduction

The PSID is the premier ongoing longitudinal survey of a representative sample of U.S. men, women, children, and the families in which they reside. Data on employment, income, wealth, housing, food expenditures, transfer income, and marital and fertility behavior have been collected annually since 1968. From 5,000 families in 1968, the study had grown to include over 8,700 families in 1996, since children and other sample members become respondents in their own right when they leave the original household. In 1997, the PSID reduced the core sample and added a refresher sample of immigrants to the United States (since 1968) so that the data are representative of the current U.S. population. As a result, in 1997 the core PSID sample consisted of 6,792 families. The study is conducted at the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. Core funding is provided by the Economics and Sociology programs of the National Science Foundation, with additional funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, and the National Institute on Aging.

One of the major uses of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics in recent years has been to examine the consequences of family events and circumstances such as family structure and income during the years children are living with their parents for children's educational and economic successes as young adults (Brooks-Gunn, Duncan, Klebanov & Sealander, 1993; Duncan, Brooks-Gunn & Klebanov, 1994; Duncan, Yeung, Brooks-Gunn, & Smith, 1998; Haveman & Wolfe, 1994; McLanahan & Sandefur, 1994). Until 1997, data on family circumstances were collected annually from interviews with one adult respondent so, for individuals in the sample under age 30, these family measures are available from birth for years they

are in the study. Once children turn age 12, information about their marital, fertility is obtained; at age 16, labor force activities and income are obtained; and, once they form their own household, detailed information on their own circumstances as young adults is obtained. However, the only information on children as children had been limited to age, sex, and schooling. Therefore, we did not know the childhood mechanisms or process whereby early family, school, and neighborhood experiences facilitate or detract from leading a healthy, productive adult life. In 1995, funding from the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, enabled the PSID to include a set of questions asked of adults about their own and their young children's school successes, and failures. While this was an important first step, the supplement was limited. It contained no direct assessments or reports of children's development and experiences as children.

The Child Development Supplement to the PSID (PSID-CDS) rectified that situation. The additions to information collection in the main PSID include the following: (i) reliable, age graded assessments of the cognitive, behavioral, and health status of 3,600 children (including about 250 immigrant children), obtained from the mother, a second parent or parent-figure, the teacher or child care provider, and the child; (ii) a comprehensive accounting of parental and caregiver time inputs to children as well as other aspects of the way children and adolescents spend their time; (iii) teacher-reported time use in elementary and preschool programs; and (iv) other-than-time use measures of other resources--for example, the learning environment in the home, teacher and administrator reports of school resources, and parent-reported measures of neighborhood resources.

Theoretical Model

Selection of interview content was guided by theories of child development in which financial, time, and social-psychological resources are crucial to child development (Hofferth, 1995). Following Haveman and Wolfe (1994), we view "resources" very broadly, defining them as consisting of the purchased resources, time, interpersonal connections, and institutions that parents, schools, and communities may use to promote the development of children. Resources actually spent on promoting child and adolescent development are considered "investments" since, independent of whether they add to a child's well-being immediately, time and money are expended that may enhance the future health, cognitive ability, and productive social behavior of children.

Resources from which investments in children are made are derived from the various contexts in which the child develops (Bronfenbrenner, 1979). We classify these as family, school, neighborhood/community, and larger societal systems. "Societal systems" include government policies that provide resources for children in general or for particular subgroups of children.

Types of Family Resources

In this project we concentrate on three general kinds of resources: *financial, time, and social-psychological*, with measurement of most of these kinds of resources taken at the level of the family, neighborhood and school. In economic models, the financial and time resources that are made available to the children in a family (Hill & Stafford, 1985; Lazear & Michael, 1988) indicate the level of investment, while the human capital (e.g., schooling level) of the parent indicates the likely "quality" of that investment.

Recent work has found strong relationships between childhood income and child development. Duncan, Brooks-Gunn and Klebanov (Duncan, et al., 1994) related patterns of childhood poverty to age-5 IQ and behavior problems, using data from a longitudinal study of low-birthweight children observed from birth. The duration of economic deprivation is a highly significant predictor of both outcomes; differences in the economic resources of single- and two-parent families partly explain the effects of single-parent family structure on IQ. Miller & Korenman (Miller & Korenman, 1994) use data from the NLSY Mother-Child file to show that a multi-year measure of average family income is the most powerful SES-based predictor of age-normed stunting (low height-for-weight) and wasting (low weight-for-height). Recent research focusing on wealth shows that temporary economic difficulties can be weathered more easily by families

with greater assets (Yeung & Hofferth, 1998); consequently, their children may not be adversely affected.

Much more is known about income than about time use, but we do know that bearing children leads to a restructuring of parental time. On the one hand children destabilize marriage by reducing the shared leisure time of their parents, but on the other hand they may stabilize marriage by providing a source of shared satisfaction (Hill, 1988). Time-use diaries have been extremely useful in describing the activities in which parents spent time in the 1970s and 1980s and how much time was spent in child-oriented activities (Timmer, Eccles & O'Brien, 1985). Despite this work, very little is known about how income and time are distributed across children within individual families; that is, how much is allocated to various household members. Gathering information from both partners or joint caregivers is important to understanding intrafamilial resource allocation (Lundberg & Pollak, 1994).

Social and psychological resources at the family level include characteristics of the parents such as their mental and physical health; the quality of the relationship between them; parental values such as education and work; and beliefs about the parental role in child rearing; and parenting style. Some of the most important parenting style indicators include provision of learning and stimulating experiences; communication and decision-making styles; warmth; disciplinary practices; monitoring and supervision; and engagement. All have been shown to be empirically associated with child well-being (Maccoby & Martin, 1983; Bornstein, 1995; Holmbeck, Paikoff & Brooks-Gunn, 1995).

Family members' choices have implications for the allocation of their limited resources. Residing in a single-parent household means less parental time available to children (Hill & Stafford, 1980; Nock & Kingston, 1988). Residence in a stepparent household also results in less time spent in parental interaction than in two-biological-parent families (McLanahan, Astone & Marks, 1991; Thomson, McLanahan & Curtin, 1992; Hetherington, 1993). Other adults in the household may provide the child with more parental-figure time. For example, in multigenerational households, the grandmother or grandfather figure often functions as a co-parent with regard to responsibilities and time spent with the child. Co-residence in multigenerational households presumably would offer children more resources (Furstenberg, Morgan, Moore & Peterson, 1987; Furstenberg & Crawford, 1978; Kellum, Adams & Brown, 1982) except in cases where the grandparents cannot help with childcare, and, if ill, might require care themselves. The changing pattern of extended family support in black families has been studied (Hofferth, 1984; Jackson & Woodford, 1990). Many of the measures used represent the sharing of economic resources, but time sharing across the extended family has been studied less routinely. From child diaries which include who was present, as we propose to do, researchers could quantify the time inputs from extended family, neighborhood groups, child care arrangements, and preschool/schools.

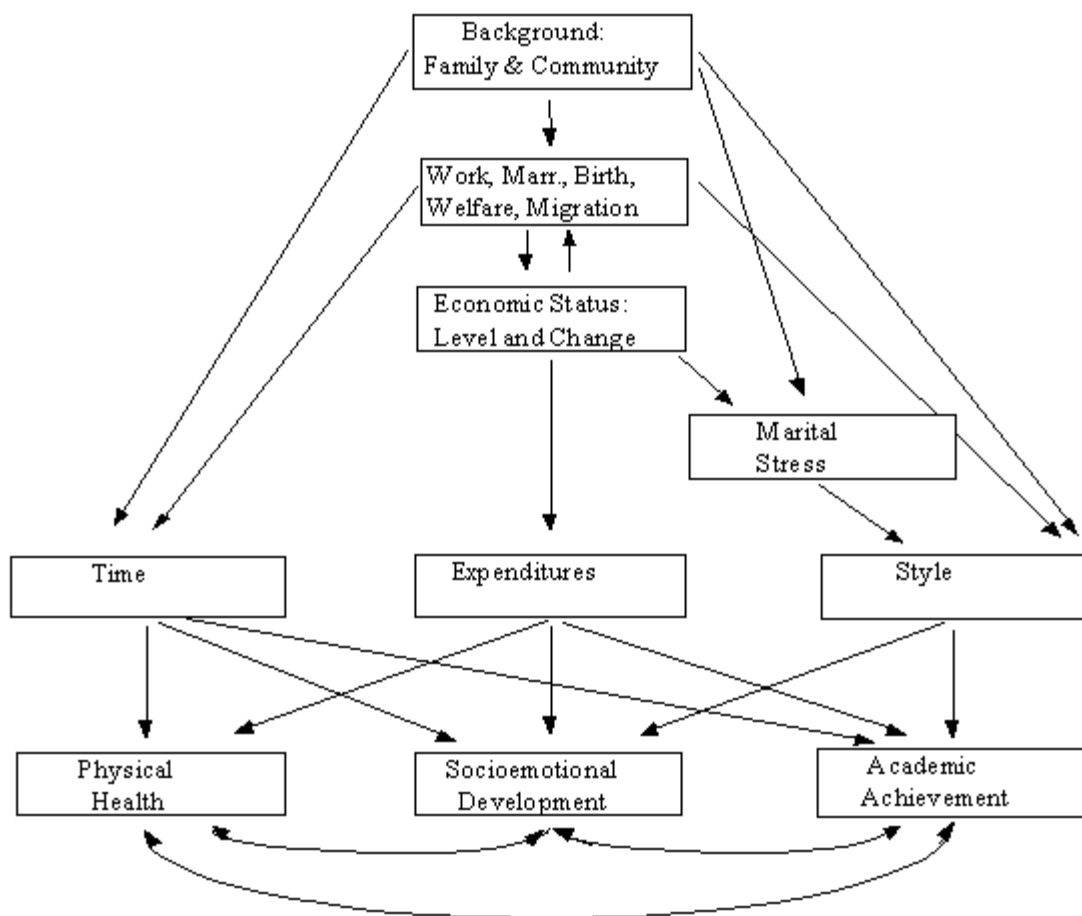
The quality of resources is also important. Mothers who find juggling work and parenthood stressful, unsatisfying, or too much of a time drain may put less effort into providing stimulating experiences for their children, or may exhibit less warmth toward their children (Wilson, Ellwood & Brooks-Gunn, 1995; Weinraub & Wolf, 1983; Lerner & Galambos, in press). Non-working fathers may not be able to use their extra time with their children in a productive manner because of the stress of being unemployed. Conflicts may arise among intergenerational household members over the roles of both generations in the care of the children, which may be translated into less warmth or less provision of learning experiences by either the mother or grandmother (Brooks-Gunn & Chase-Lansdale, 1995).

Types of Extra-Familial Resources

Social capital has recently been conceptualized as an important potential resource (Coleman, 1988). Social capital consists of the interpersonal connections that families establish with people outside their immediate families (kin, peers, childcare providers, neighbors, schools, community). Time (e.g., helping others, volunteer work) and money invested by the family in these connections build a stock of resources that the family can call upon when needed. A *neighborhood* rich in connectedness among families and individuals and with high expectancies for its children has a level of trust and stability that could prove extremely beneficial to children. Important time and money inputs also come from neighborhood institutions (e.g., schools, libraries, small businesses, youth centers) outside the family.

Though family factors typically account for more variance than school factors, school factors may make a difference (Rutter, 1987; Jencks & Mayer, 1988). There are three aspects of *school* resources that appear to make a difference to children's learning: time, materials, and classroom composition. In addition, aspects of school structure also appear to make a difference to child outcomes, including "time on task" or actual academic learning time in the classroom (Lee & Smith, 1995; Borg, 1980). The provision of before and after school programs and extracurricular activities, higher per pupil expenditure and low student/teacher ratios are important resource-related attributes, in that they cost money. A mix of race/ethnic backgrounds and ability levels constitute important resources. An appropriate mix that is helpful to the low achievers may not be harmful to high achievers (Valerie Lee, personal communication).

Coleman's social capital paradigm applies to schools as well as to neighborhoods. It includes parental involvement with the school and in the child's schooling. Another source of social capital is connectedness through knowing the parents of one's child or children. This may occur through residential proximity, close-knit neighborhoods, through school involvement and school activities or through church and other social-organization-related activities.



Straight lines indicate causal relationships; curved arrows indicate correlated error terms.

Figure 1-1. Theoretical Model for the Child Development Supplement

Figure 1-1 presents our model of how children's outcomes are related to parental resources and parenting practices. In the first stage, five parental behaviors--employment, marriage, childbearing, welfare receipt, and residential mobility--are a function of background variables such as education and key determinants of economic status. In the second stage, resources such as time, expenditures and parenting style are modeled as a function of demographic and economic status from earlier stages. Marital stress is included

as a potential intervening factor in modeling parenting style. In the last stage, children's outcomes (physical health, socioemotional development, and academic achievement) are a function of resources and parenting behavior.

The Instruments

Child and Primary Caregiver. The child is assessed first, using a set of standardized tests and questions. Then, the primary caregiver (usually the mother) answers a set of interviewer-administered questions about each child, for up to two children. In order to obtain more information about the family and to assess parental functioning and parent-child and parent-parent relations, each primary caregiver fills out a self-administered questionnaire (SAQ).

Secondary Caregiver. The collection of information from a second caregiver is a unique aspect of this study. Each secondary caregiver fills out one SAQ about the child and a second SAQ about the household. While assessment of father involvement in the lives of their children is a key goal, we define the second caregiver quite broadly, since in many low-income households the second caregiver is a grandmother. Our study is designed so that parenting, conflict, attitudes, and division of household tasks will be obtained regardless of whether the second caregiver is a father, an unmarried male or female partner, or the child's grandmother. Additionally, information on father involvement was obtained from the primary caregiver, whether or not the father lives with the child.

Absent Fathers. Another key and unique aspect of this study is the collection of data from absent fathers. Mothers of children who had fathers living elsewhere were asked to provide contact information on the father and the interviewers attempted to contact and interview these men. The content of the absent father-child interview was similar to that of the other caregiver, focusing on the sample child. A household booklet was also administered.

Demographic and Economic Context. The core PSID survey collects information on the number of parents, number and ages of children, presence of other adults, income, employment, earnings, hours of work, and education of all family members. Measures of parental financial resources are excellent; all major components of wealth as well as income are collected. In 1997 a child support supplement was funded for the first time and included in the core to provide information on father financial contributions to children. Variables from the core can be merged with the Child Development Supplement to provide additional information on children's families.

Time Diary. Another unique aspect of the study is the collection of a time diary of children's activities. The last national data on children's time use was collected in 1981 by the University of Michigan on a small sample of several hundred middle class families. Many studies continue to utilize these numbers even though they are old (Task Force on Youth Development and Community Programs, 1992). Parental time with children is the one area on which data reported in stylized form are considered unreliable because of a strong social desirability bias. A recent study using U.S. data from the 1920s to the 1980s reports that parental time caring for children rose rather than declined over the period, in spite of increased maternal employment (Bryant & Zick, 1996). Until 1997 no data were available to document changes since 1981.

Preschools and Schools. Resources from schools and preschool programs are important to children's lives. The PSID-CDS collected information from the teacher and administrator of the child's school or childcare center/program, family day care home, or other day care provider. The teacher/caregiver provided information on the child, on activities in the classroom, and on his or her own characteristics. The administrator provided information on the characteristics and composition of the school and its student body. The teacher instrument for elementary school also obtained a diary of child and teacher activities during the school day, teaching style, the resources available in the classroom, and the characteristics of

students and teacher. Teachers provided information on child behavior using many of the measures on which the mother reports.

Communities. The PSID Child Development Supplement includes a rich set of measures on the communities in which children grow up. Some of these data will be merged onto the data file from Census Data or administrative sources (particularly income and race-ethnic characteristics of the neighborhood) and others were asked directly of parents (such as the extent to which parents know their neighbors, participate in community activities, and view their neighborhood as "safe"). The information collected includes economic, social, and policy characteristics of the community in which the child lives.

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Chapter 2 *Data Collection*

The Sample

The sample for this project was drawn from the 1997 PSID interviews. As interviews were completed for the 1997 PSID, households with children who were Family Unit (FU) members under the age of 13 were identified for inclusion in the Child Development Supplement. Both the PSID core sample and the new PSID immigrant refresher sample generated Child Development cases.

The actual number of households eligible for the Child Development Supplement from the PSID was 2,705 (2,458 from the Core sample and 247 from the New Immigrant sample). A total of 2,394 households with a total of 3,586 children were interviewed for the Child Development Supplement for a response rate of 88.2%.

Race and Gender Composition

Because of an initial oversampling of low-income families and the addition of a recent sample of immigrant families, the unweighted PSID sample has a substantial number of black and other minority families. The CDS identified 2,390 eligible families: 1,140 white families, 997 black families, 158 nonwhite, nonblack Hispanic families, 46 Asian families, 12 Native American families, and 29 families of other nationalities (Table 1). There are a total of 3,586 children whose primary caregiver was interviewed. Of these, boys and girls are represented in approximately equal numbers (see Table 1).

Table 1. Race and Gender Composition of the Child Development Supplement^a

| | Total Families | Total Children | Male Children | Female Children | % Children by Race |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| White | 1140 | 1648 | 827 | 821 | 46.03% |
| Black | 997 | 1467 | 772 | 695 | 40.98% |
| Hispanic | 158 | 268 | 134 | 134 | 7.49% |
| Asian | 46 | 63 | 31 | 32 | 1.76% |
| Native American | 12 | 19 | 8 | 11 | 0.53% |
| Other | 29 | 107 | 50 | 57 | 2.99% |
| NA/DK | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0.22% |
| Total | 2389 | 3580 | 1826 | 1754 | 100% |
| Missing | 1 | 6 | | | |

^aThe numbers in this table are unweighted.

Stratification of Sample:

The sample was originally divided into strata according to the distance from our interviewing staff. The sample and budget used the following strata definitions:

- Stratum 1: Living in 1980 SRC primary area
- Stratum 2: Living in 1960/1970 SRC primary area (major concentration of 10 to 15+ households)
- Stratum 3 "clustered households": At least one day travel from the nearest SRC interviewer; 3+ households in the area
- Stratum 4 "remote households": At least one day travel from the nearest SRC interviewer; <3 households in the area

Households outside the continental U.S. were excluded from interviewing and were coded as non-sample. All other households were included in the sample. The response rates were expected to be slightly lower in Strata 3 and 4. Since these were interviewed predominantly by telephone, it was easier for reluctant households to refuse to participate.

Instrument Development

The questionnaires were developed over the course of the 11-month preproduction period, during which time two pretests were conducted. In the first pretest, household and school questionnaires were tested separately, because the pretest occurred in the summer. Survey Research Center interviewers conducted the Household Pretest 1 interviews in June 1996. Columbia Teachers College recruited teachers and administered the Teacher Pretest 1 interviews in July 1996. The second pretest, conducted in October, was a full dress rehearsal of the entire PSID-Child Development Supplement, and included pretesting the PSID interview and the CDS household and teacher interviews, as well as mailing the teacher and administrator questionnaires.

For production interviewing, the following questionnaires and booklets were produced:

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|----|--|
| A. | Time Use Diary |
| B. | Child Questionnaire |
| C. | Child Respondent Booklet |
| D. | Primary Caregiver-Child Questionnaire |
| E. | Primary Caregiver-Child Respondent Booklet |
| F. | Primary Caregiver-Household Questionnaire |
| G. | Other Caregiver-Household Questionnaire |
| H. | Other Caregiver-Child Questionnaire |
| I. | Father Out of the Home-Household Questionnaire |
| J. | Father Out of the Home-Child Questionnaire |
| K. | Elementary/Middle School Teacher Questionnaire |
| L. | Preschool/Daycare Teacher Questionnaire |
| M. | Elementary/Middle School Administrator Questionnaire |
| N. | Preschool/Daycare Administrator Questionnaire |
| O. | Home-Based Care Questionnaire |

A large number of other forms, checklists, and related materials were also needed for this study. These

were developed throughout the preproduction period by the study director, survey manager, project manager, and other team members.

Table 2 summarizes the questionnaires for the Child Development Supplement and the possible modes of interview for each instrument during the production phase.

Table 2. Questionnaires

| Qnaire Booklet | Respondent | Number | Mode |
|---|--|--|---|
| Child Qnaire | Child (3-12) | One per child (age 3-12) | Face-to-Face |
| Time Diary | Child | Two per eligible child (all ages) | Mail ahead and Face-to-Face or phone |
| Prim Caregiver-Child Qnaire | Primary Caregiver | One per child (all ages) | Face-to-Face or phone |
| Prim Caregiver-HH Qnaire | Primary Caregiver | One per primary caregiver | Self-Administered in home (interviewer administered if literacy or language problems) |
| Other Caregiver-Child Qnaire | Other Caregiver of Child | One per child (for HHs with other caregiver) | Self-Administered in home |
| Other Caregiver-HH Qnaire | Other Caregiver of Child | One per other caregiver | Self-Administered in home |
| Father Outside of the Home-Child Qnaire | Father Outside of the Home | One per child (for HHs with a father living outside of the home) | Telephone Interview |
| Father Outside of the Home-HH Qnaire | Father Outside of the Home | One per father outside of the home | Telephone Interview |
| Elem/Middle School/Home School Teacher Qnaire | Elem./M.S. English Teacher/Home school teacher | One per child in Elem, middle or home school | Self-Administered mail survey |
| Elementary/Middle School Administrator Qnaire | Elementary or M.S. School Administrator | One per child in Elem or middle school | Self-Administered mail survey |
| Preschool/Daycare Teacher Qnaire | Preschool/Day Care Center Teacher | One per child in preschool or day care center | Self-Administered mail survey |
| Preschool/Daycare Administrator Qnaire | Preschool/Day Care Center Administrators | One per child in preschool or day care center | Self-Administered mail survey |
| Home-Based Care Qnaire | In-home day care provider | One per child in home-based day care | Self-Administered mail survey |

Field Procedures

Data collection began in January 1997 and was completed in the field in November 1997. Production halted during July and August, since the majority of schools were closed for the summer, and resumed in September. In 1997, the interviewer first completed the Core PSID Family Unit (FU) interview which determined the number and ages of children. The Core interview also contained a child support supplement that determined whether any child in the household had an absent parent, and whether any

children from a former relationship were living elsewhere. If there was a child in the FU between birth and age 12, the interviewer advised the respondent that they would be contacted about the Child Development survey. The central office randomly selected two children, assigned time diary days, determined a likely primary caregiver and whether there was an absent father, and transferred the case to the nearest field interviewer. The field interviewer contacted the FU, explained the study, identified the primary and secondary caregivers, made an appointment for the interview, and mailed the advance time diary and introductory letter. The interviewer then visited the household, obtained written permission to interview the children, obtained child assessments, child interviews, a primary caregiver interview and assessment, time use diaries and left self-administered instruments for the primary caregiver and other caregiver. If either of the children was in school, day care, or in the care of a babysitter, signed parent permission slips were obtained for the teacher/caregiver, and the interviewer checked the information with the school before mailing the teacher questionnaire, teacher time diary and administrator questionnaires to teacher and administrator. If there was a father living outside of the home of the target child for any sample children, the interviewer requested the name and phone number of the absent father from the primary caregiver and proceeded to contact the absent father to conduct child and household interviews if consent was given. The final completed questionnaires were mailed to the central office and logged in as received. Completed questionnaires were coded and entered in the SRC Survey Services Lab. Project staff processed payment checks for primary caregiver, teacher, and absent father. The primary caregiver was given a small amount of money as a token of appreciation for doing the interview, and each child received a small gift. The teacher and absent father each received a small incentive to complete the interview.

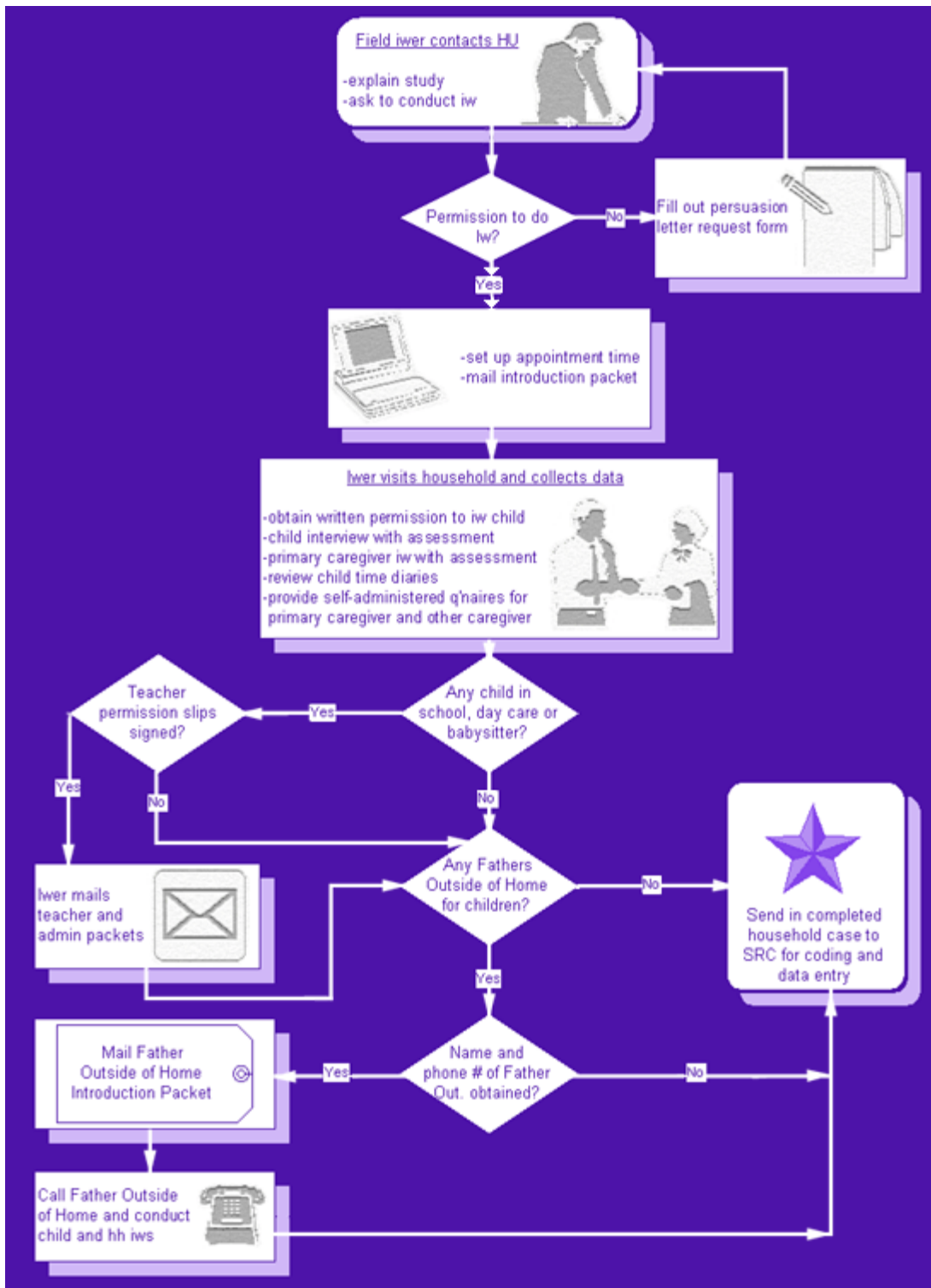
The following is the preferred order of administration for the entire household interview (Figure 2-1). This order could not always be followed exactly because every household composition and needs are different. When possible, however, the field interviewers tried to adhere to the following order.

In each household, the following steps were taken:

1. Take PSID interview.
2. If there is an eligible child, a Child Case is generated by Data Control.
3. Data Control staff print a set of labels, CAI (Computer Assisted Interviewing) Sample Management System (CSMS) checklist, and an information sheet for the household and teacher.
4. The Data Services research assistant prepares and mails the sample line packet (containing coversheets, labels and information sheets) to the interviewer assigned to the case.
5. The interviewer reviews the sample line packet and labels the appropriate questionnaires.
6. The interviewer contacts the household, verifies the primary caregiver selection, explains the study, verifies the mailing address, and sets up an appointment for an in-person interview.
7. The interviewer mails an introductory packet to the household containing a study brochure, introduction letter, and time diaries.
8. The interviewer visits the household and gets written permission to interview the child(ren) from the primary caregiver. The interviewer administers the child assessments and primary caregiver-child questionnaire. The time diaries are reviewed and edited with the primary caregiver (and the child, if appropriate).
9. The interviewer gives the appropriate self-administered questionnaires to the primary caregiver and the other caregiver (if one is in the household).
10. The interviewer obtains written parental permission to contact teachers and caregivers for children in school, preschool, or child care.
11. The interviewer obtains contact information for fathers living outside the home, if applicable.
12. After the interview is completed, the interviewer edits the interviews and enters complete information about the contact and the interview into CSMS.
13. The interviewer mails the school questionnaires to the appropriate teachers, caregivers, and school administrators.
14. The interviewer notifies Ann Arbor via CSMS that the teacher information has been mailed.
15. The interviewer mails an introductory letter to the father living outside the home, if applicable.
16. The interviewer contacts and interviews the father living outside the home, if applicable.

17. The interviewer edits the father outside the home questionnaires, if applicable.
18. The interviewer reports the completed household session to the Team Leader (TL).
19. The TL instructs the interviewer to mail the completed questionnaires to Ann Arbor (if no verification is required) or to the TL (for verification and evaluation).
20. The interviewer mails completed and edited interviews to Ann Arbor or the TL, as instructed.
21. The TL evaluates and verifies the interview, if applicable, gives feedback to the interviewer, and mails completed interviews to Ann Arbor.
22. The Ann Arbor staff logs completed questionnaires as they are received from interviewers, primary caregivers, other caregivers, teachers, childcare providers, and administrators.
23. The Survey Services Lab (SSL) staff mails reminder postcards one week after the interviewer has mailed the materials to the teachers and administrators.
24. The SSL staff conducts reminder calling for nonresponding teachers, caregivers, and administrators beginning two weeks after the interviewer has mailed the materials to the teachers and administrators. A second questionnaire is mailed by the SSL staff if necessary.
25. A total of two rounds of 5 calls each will be made before coding the case as final non-response, if the questionnaires are not returned.
26. The SSL staff codes and enters the completed time use diaries into the SAS data entry program created by PSID staff.
27. The SSL staff enters all completed questionnaires into the SAS data entry program created by PSID staff.
28. The SSL conducts check coding on 10% of Home Time Diaries and Home-based Care Time Diaries, and performs double entry verification on questionnaires for quality control purposes.
29. Completed questionnaires are stored by PSID staff once the questionnaires are coded and processed.

Figure 2-1. Field Procedures



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Chapter 3 *Respondent Definitions*

The respondents in the Child Development Supplement have already been included in at least one PSID interview. In fact, the majority of respondents were from long-time PSID respondent families. Many are the children of original core PSID respondents. By matching 1986 ID and person number, information on these respondents and their families can be obtained from previous waves of the core PSID as well as from the 1997 wave. Eligibility for the Child Development Supplement is based on the ages of the PSID family's children. If the family has a child age 12 or younger, the entire PSID Household Unit is eligible for the Child Development Supplement.

Adult respondents include selected persons who have influence over the child's development. The following is a list of potential respondents in a household case. A household case would never include every respondent on this list. A face-to-face interview will be conducted only with the children and primary caregiver.

Child

Up to two children age 12 and younger per PSID Family Unit were eligible for inclusion in this study. All eligible children had to be members of the PSID Sample; that is, they were the child of a sample member. Therefore, it is possible that some children in a household were not eligible for inclusion in this study. If the child was under 3 years of age, although still eligible for the study, the child was not personally interviewed, but information was gathered on this child from his or her parents and caregivers. The age of the children at the time of the PSID interview was used to determine eligibility for inclusion in the CDS study. The child's actual age at the time of the survey, however, was used to determine the specific portions of instruments to administer to the child. The actual age at the survey date was also used to calculate standardized test scores.

Primary Caregiver

The main respondent for this study was the primary caregiver, usually the child's mother. If the mother was not living with the child, the primary caregiver could be the father, legal guardian or person who knows most about the child's activities. If the primary caregiver was interviewed about two children, the interviewer filled out a separate questionnaire for each child. The primary caregiver also completed two time diaries for each child and one self-administered household booklet.

The following is the checkpoint that the field interviewer followed to determine the primary caregiver in most cases. The list is priority ordered; that is, the mother is the first choice.

DETERMINE PROBABLE PRIMARY CAREGIVER AND MARK ON HH INFORMATION SHEET (IF POSSIBLE), USING CRITERIA BELOW:

1. MOTHER (Biological, Step, Foster, or Adoptive), or a "WIFE" of PSID Head
2. FATHER (Biological, Step, Foster, or Adoptive)

3. LEGAL GUARDIAN OF CHILD

4. ADULT in HU who takes primary responsibility for child (not someone paid, e.g., a babysitter or a nanny)

Other Caregiver

The Other Caregiver is defined as another adult in the Household Unit who helps raise the child. This is usually the child's father or the mother's spouse/partner, but could also be the grandmother of the child or another adult relative or non-adult living in the household. This respondent also completed several self-administered questionnaires (one for each child and one household booklet).

The following is the checkpoint that the field interviewer followed to determine the Other Caregiver in most cases. These are also priority ordered.

DETERMINE PROBABLE OTHER CAREGIVER AND MARK ON HH INFORMATION SHEET (IF POSSIBLE), USING CRITERIA BELOW:

1. FATHER (Biological, Step, Foster, or Adoptive)
2. GRANDMOTHER of Child
3. BOYFRIEND or GIRLFRIEND of Primary Caregiver
4. OTHER (Adult) RELATIVE of Child
5. OTHER (Adult) NONRELATIVE (not someone paid, e.g., a babysitter or a nanny)

Father Outside of the Home

The father outside of the home is the biological or adoptive father since infancy who is not living in the home of the target child. A phone interview was conducted with him; the interviewer administered one child questionnaire for each child and one household questionnaire.

Preschool/Day Care Teacher

The preschool/day care teacher is the child's main preschool teacher or daycare provider. The day care center must be located in a business location to be termed "day care." A time diary for the child is included in this questionnaire.

Preschool/Daycare Administrator

A self-administered questionnaire was sent to the administrator of the school or child care center that the child attends. The administrator questionnaire asked about the school or program environment, not specifically about the child.

Elementary/Middle School Teacher

The child's main elementary or middle school teacher received a mailed self-administered questionnaire. A time diary for the child was included in this questionnaire. If the child changes classes regularly throughout the day, the teacher skips the time diary portion of the questionnaire. Instead, this diary was included in the Child questionnaire administered to the target child. For children in home schooling, the parent or household member who teaches the child was given this teacher questionnaire to fill out.

Elementary/Middle School Administrator

A self-administered questionnaire was mailed to the administrator of the school that the child attends. The administrator questionnaire asked about the school or program environment but not specifically about the child.

Home-Based Care Provider

The home-based care provider cares for children in a residential home. That home may be the provider's home or the child's home; regular baby-sitters are included. A self-administered questionnaire, including a

time diary for the child, was sent to the child's care provider. A time diary for the child is included in this questionnaire.

Field Interviewer

The interviewer was also a respondent/observer in this study. The interviewer observes the primary caregiver's interactions with the child. These observations are recorded in thumbnail sketches; additional questions are asked at the back of the interviewer-administered primary caregiver child questionnaire.

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Chapter 4 *Response Rates*

Household Interview

The survey period began in March 1997 and, with a two-month break in July and August, ended on December 6, 1997. The study completed interviews with 2,380 child households and 3,563 children. Six hundred and nine African American children were added to this sample with funds from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the William T. Grant Foundation. The response rate was 90% for those families regularly interviewed in the core PSID and 84% for those contacted the first time this year for the immigrant refresher to the sample. The combined response rate for both groups was 88%. Table 3 shows the response rates. The reason the response rate to the child questionnaire (child assessments) is only 79.5% is that about one-tenth of the families were out of range of our interviewers and were not close enough to at least two other eligible families to justify the high cost of traveling to obtain that case. An interview was conducted by telephone to obtain the other parts of the interview so that the information from parents and teachers would be available. We identified more absent fathers than expected (36% of children had an absent father), but were able to obtain interviews with fewer. For schools from whose administrators we did not receive a response, we plan to obtain supplemental information from public data bases such as the Quality of Education Data (QED).

Table 3. Response Rates in the 1997 Child Development Supplement

Response Rates Based on Number of Children

| | Baseline (number eligible) | Number | Percent |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Number of Children: | 3,563 | | |
| Number of children having primary caregivers | 3,563 | 3,563 | 100.00% |
| Number of children having other caregivers | 3,563 | 2,741 | 76.93% |
| Number of children with fathers outside the home | 3,563 | 1,294 ¹ | 36.49% |
| Child Questionnaires: | | | |
| Number completed by primary caregiver | 3,563 | 3,563 | 100.00% |
| Number completed by other caregiver | 2,741 | 1,395 | 50.89% |
| Number completed by fathers outside the home | 1,294 | 283 | 21.87% |
| Child Assessments (Children aged 3-12): | | | |
| Number of children with a completed assessment | 2,803 | 2,228 | 79.49% |
| Household Questionnaires: | | | |
| Number of children having household questionnaires completed by primary caregiver | 3,563 | 2,233 | 62.67% |
| Number of children having household questionnaires completed by other caregiver | 2,741 | 1,362 | 49.69% |

| Time Diary Questionnaires (2 per child): | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Number of children with at least one completed diary | 3,563 | 2,904 | 81.50% |

Response Rates Based on Number of Households

| | Baseline (number eligible) | Number | Percent |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Number of Households: | 2,380 | | |
| Number of households with primary caregivers | 2,380 | 2,380 | 100.00% |
| Number of households with other caregivers | 2,380 | 1,824 | 76.64% |
| Number of households with fathers outside the home | 2,380 | 1,005 | 42.23% |
| Household Questionnaires: | | | |
| Number completed by primary caregiver | 2,380 | 1,513 | 63.57% |
| Number completed by other caregiver | 1,824 | 929 | 50.93% |
| Number completed by fathers outside the home | 1,005 | 229 | 22.79% |

¹Excluding those we did not seek to interview (in jail, deceased, non-sample, foreign)

Fathers Living Outside the Target Child's Home

In 1997, the total number of CDS households with children under age 13 was 2,380; the total number of children was 3,563. We identified 1,431 children with absent fathers in 1,005 households in the PSID.

Of these 1,431 children:

| | | |
|------------|------------|--|
| 20% | 283 | have completed absent father interviews. |
| 7% | 97 | the father refused the interview. |
| 3% | 46 | the R could not be reached for conversion (soft refusal) |
| <u>1%</u> | <u>13</u> | someone else in the father's household refused the interview. |
| 11% | 156 | refusals from the father's household |
| 31% | 439 | the primary caregiver refused to provide information on the father. |
| 5% | 75 | we had a phone number but never were able to contact anyone |
| 22% | 318 | lost - we made one attempt at tracking but could not locate the father |
| <u>2%</u> | <u>23</u> | other - not finally determined |
| 29% | 416 | could not locate |

| The following we did not attempt to contact: | | |
|--|----------|---|
| 5% | 68 | are in jail. We did not attempt to interview these men. |
| 1% | 12 | are deceased. |
| 3% | 50 | were determined not to be absent fathers |
| <u>0%</u> | <u>7</u> | are foreign |

| | | |
|------|------|--|
| 9% | 137 | no attempt was made to contact these respondents |
| 100% | 1431 | children |

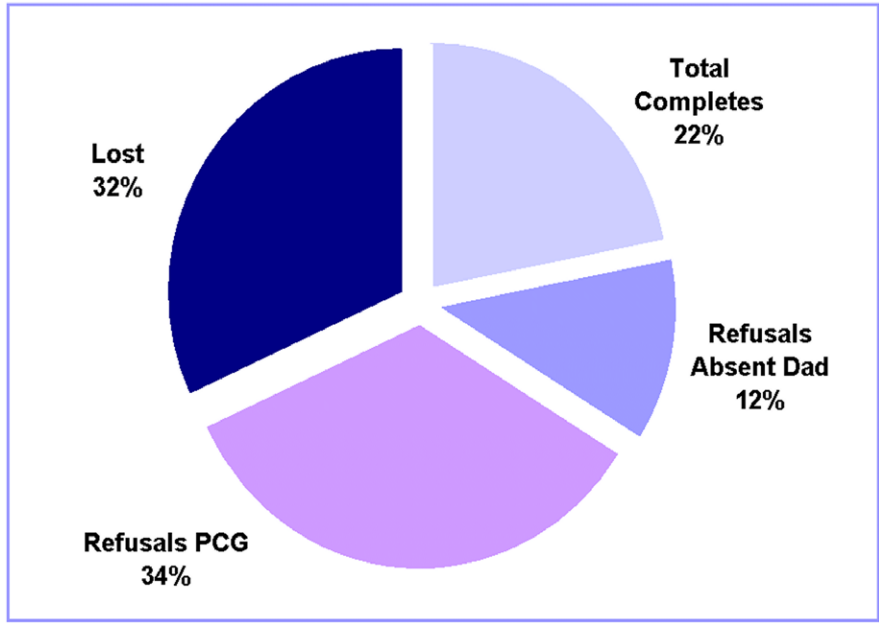


Figure 4-1. Absent Father Contact Results

Deleting from the total sample those we did not seek to interview (in jail, deceased, non-sample, and foreign), we have 1,294 cases. The response rate from these 1,294 cases is 22% for children's absent fathers. Mothers refused in 34% of the cases, 32% were not located, and 12% were refusals by the father's household. See Figure 4-1.

Of those fathers whom we were able to contact (452), the response rate was 64%:

| | | |
|------|-----|--|
| 64% | 283 | completed interviews |
| 36% | 161 | the father's household refused |
| 100% | 444 | fathers' households actually contacted |

Once we reached the father, cooperation was 64%. The main stumbling blocks were obtaining information from the mothers and tracking the fathers.

We are coding the reasons the primary caregiver reports for refusing to provide information on the father. These include such reasons as "he never sees the child; doesn't know where he is; doesn't know the father; does not want the father to know about the child; a child of rape," etc. We end our contact efforts at this point. Obtaining the mother's cooperation is key to locating absent fathers.

The 416 (29%) children's fathers for whom we obtained some information from the primary caregiver but were not able to contact the father is a number that could be altered. We did not have the funding to track

these fathers, but assume that such efforts could be successful.

Finally, fathers of 68 children are in jail/prison. We had not budgeted to interview these men. They are a "captive" audience; it should be possible to interview them with additional time and funding. Permission from the prison administration is usually required.

Given that the focus of the CDS interview with the absent father is his involvement with the child, absent fathers who have not been in contact with their child over the past year will provide little additional information over that provided by the mother on frequency and extent of contact. The loss of these hard-to-reach groups of men does not compromise our particular study. However, these parameters should be helpful to researchers with different purposes.

School/Daycare Questionnaires

Table 4. Response Rates for Elementary, Preschool and Daycare Questionnaires

| | Baseline (Number Eligible) | Number | Percent |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Elementary/Middle School Teacher | 2141 | 1109 | 51.79% |
| Elementary Teacher/Middle School Student Time Diary | 2141 | 1213 | 56.65% |
| Preschool/Daycare Teacher | 448 | 172 | 38.39% |
| Preschool/Daycare Teacher Time Diary | 448 | 154 | 34.37% |
| Home-based Care Provider | 415 | 136 | 32.77% |
| Home-based Care Provider Time Diary | 415 | 119 | 28.67% |
| Elementary/Middle School Administrator | 2141 | 705 | 32.92% |
| Preschool/Daycare Administrator | 448 | 140 | 31.25% |

* The PCG Child Questionnaire (Sections G and H) was used to determine the baselines for these response rates.

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Chapter 5 *Questionnaire Content*

Child Questionnaire

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Child, 3-12 years old | Face to Face ONLY | To obtain information on the cognitive and social ability of children in the specified age range. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Children's reading and math ability.
- Children's memory.
- Children's self-esteem as it relates to school subjects and to their general lives.
- Children's day at school, middle-school children.

For the most part this study uses existing measures to assess children and their families. These measures are summarized in [Chapter 6](#). Children's well-being is defined in terms of cognitive/academic, socioemotional, and physical development (Brooks-Gunn, 1990; McCormick & Brooks-Gunn, 1989). Three basic types of outcomes linked to children's well-being and future success were measured. These are:

1. School progress, academic achievement and cognitive ability, including grade failure/progression, highest grade completed, verbal and math ability and literacy.
2. Socioemotional well-being, through the behavior problems and positive behavior scales, and
3. Health.

Primary Caregiver Questionnaire (Child and Household)

Child Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Mother/Primary Caregiver | Face to Face (Preferred)/Phone (Optional) | To obtain information about the health, behavior, education, and general environment of the child. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Mother/primary caregivers literacy.
- Children's health history.
- Home environment.
- Children's schooling.

- Children's behavior.
- Household tasks.
- Parental involvement in school.
- Parental monitoring of children's activities and friends.
- Child care history.
- Relationship with absent parent (if applicable).
- Food availability in the home.

Household Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Mother/Primary Caregiver | Self-Administered/Phone or Face to Face (Literacy and Language Problems) | To obtain information on the neighborhood, household, and parental environment of the child. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Characteristics of the family's neighborhood.
- Social support for the mother/primary caregiver.
- Distribution of household tasks.
- Attitudes on child rearing.
- Parenting.
- Attitudes on gender roles in the household.
- Psychological well-being.
- Family conflict.
- Work schedules.

Assessments

Like the target child, the Primary Caregiver is also assessed using the Woodcock-Johnson Revised Tests of Achievement (WJ-R), Form B. The Primary Caregiver, however, was only administered one sub-scale, the passage comprehension subtest. The purpose of this test was to assess the Primary Caregiver's educational attainment. The Spanish version of the WJ-R (Batería-R, Form A) was used for Primary Caregivers whose first language was Spanish.

Other Caregiver Questionnaire (Child and Household)

Child Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| Father, Grandmother, Boyfriend/Girlfriend, Other Relative | Self-Administered | To obtain information on the behavior and general environment of the child from the perspective of the other caregiver in the home. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire: To obtain information on...

- Children's schooling.
- Children's behavior.
- Household tasks.
- Other caregiver involvement in school.
- Other caregiver monitoring of children's activities and friends.

Household Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| Father, Grandmother, Boyfriend/Girlfriend, Other Relative | Self-Administered | To obtain information on household and parental environment of the child from the perspective of the other caregiver in the home. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Distribution of household tasks.
- Attitudes on child rearing.
- Parenting.
- Attitudes on gender roles in the household.
- Psychological well-being.
- Family conflict.
- Work schedules.

Fathers Who Live Outside of the Home of the Target Child Questionnaire

Child Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| Father absent from the target child's home | Phone Administration | To obtain information on the behavior and interaction of the child with the absent father. | Must be given father information from Primary Caregiver. Tracking is limited to one Directory Assistance call. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Parental conflict.
- Children's schooling.
- Children's behavior.
- Household tasks.
- Parental involvement in school.
- Parental monitoring of children's activities and friends.

Household Booklet

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES & RULES |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|
| Father absent from the target child's home. | Phone Administration | To obtain information on the absent father household and the parental environment of the child. | Must be given father information from Primary Caregiver. Tracking is limited to one Directory Assistance call. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Attitudes on child rearing.

- Parenting.
- Attitudes on gender roles in the household.
- Psychological well-being.
- Work schedules.

Time Diaries

Assessment of parent-child interaction often rests largely on reports of children's time use. There are several ways of assessing how much time and in what activities parents and children engage. The most accurate way to collect such data would be through observation. However, such methods are costly, intrusive, and limited in the amount of a day that can be covered. Another accurate way to collect information is by time sampling, in which respondents write down the activity they are engaged in whenever a beeper sounds. This methodology is also costly, intrusive and limited. The most common method in survey research is to ask parents directly how much time they spend in certain activities, such as reading to their child. While simple and widely used, this method is known to be biased. First, it is subject to social desirability bias. Parents will report more time spent on desirable activities (such as reading) than on less desirable ones. Second, there is no baseline against which to check consistency, validity, or reliability. Thus times have been shown to be quite inaccurately reported (Juster & Stafford, 1985). In contrast, substantial methodological work has established the validity and reliability of data collected in time-diary form (Juster & Stafford, 1985). The instrument for assessing time use is a "time diary," which is a chronological report by the child and/or the child's primary caretaker about the child's activities over a specified recent 24-hour period, beginning at midnight (who the reporter is depends on the age of the child). The time diary is interviewer-administered and asks several questions about the child's flow of activities, such as what they were doing at that time, when the activity began and ended, and what else they were doing (if they were engaged in multiple activities). The Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics also added two questions: "Who was (child) doing that with?" and "Who else was there?" These added questions, when linked to activity codes such as playing or being read to, provide unbiased details on the extent of parent/child one-on-one interactions and availability of the parents. The advantage of such questions is that total time in one day has to add to 24 hours. Consequently, while individual times may be slightly inaccurate, the times are consistent with one another. The disadvantage of the time diary is that it represents only a sample of children's days. Thus while it accurately represents the activities of a sample of children on a given day, it is only a very small sample of a given child's days and, as such, has limited reliability. To improve reliability, most time-use studies obtain at least one weekend and one weekday and many also obtain multiple samples over a period of time, such as a year.

Since the data collection format is open-ended--an advantage for avoiding biases toward "good" activities and away from "bad" activities but a potential pitfall for proper interpretation of the data--precise, clear, and well-focused definitions of activities are vital. Fortunately, the 1975-1981 Time Use Study has paved the way in guidelines for coding children's time-diary reports (Juster & Stafford, 1985). Working with several child development experts and other time-use experts from many disciplines and representing a wide range of countries and cultures, Hill, Stafford, Juster, and colleagues in the 1981 follow-up of the 1975-1981 Time Use Study spent considerable time and effort designing a time-use methodology appropriate to children. The methodology is not onerous. Researchers have found that parents of young children enjoy working with their youngsters to provide the children's time diaries, which take about 15 minutes per child per day, and can adequately represent the child's day (Timmer et al., 1985).

Child Time Diary

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Primary Caregiver or Primary Caregiver with Child | Mail Ahead w/Face to Face Editing (Preferred)/Mail Ahead w/Phone Interview (Optional) | To obtain information on the time-use of children during a weekday and weekend day. | Diary completes a 24-hour day. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Activities during children's days.
- Who interacts with children during weekdays and weekend days.
- How many activities children participate in on a daily basis.

Elementary School Time Diaries

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Child | Face to Face | Older school-age children who changed classes during the day and, therefore, had several teachers were asked to fill out the School Time Diary themselves, See Child Questionnaire, p. 36. |

School Questionnaires

Elementary (Teacher and Administrator)

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Elementary/Middle School Teachers | Mail Survey/Self-Administered | To obtain information about the educational environment of children in this study. Information on the academic ability and behavior of the children will also be obtained. | Parent permission must be given in order to mail teacher questionnaire. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- School environment.
- Language ability of the target child.
- Background and experience of the teachers.

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Principal or Administrator of Elementary /Middle School | Mail Survey/Self-Administered | To obtain information on the school environment and demographics of the school. | This questionnaire is mailed to school address given when teacher permission is granted by primary caregiver. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Geographic location of school.
- Racial composition of the school.
- Characteristics of the school.

Preschool (Teacher and Administrator)

PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE

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

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Preschool/Daycare Teachers | Mail Survey/Self-Administered | To obtain information about the educational environment of children in this study. Information on the academic ability and behavior of the children will also be obtained. | Parent permission must be given in order to mail teacher/caregiver questionnaire. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- School/center environment.
- Language ability of the target child.
- Background and experience of the teachers/caregivers.
- Time-use data on the teacher and target child.

PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Principal or Administrator of Preschool/Daycare | Mail Survey/Self-Administered | To obtain information on the Preschool/Daycare environment and demographics of the school/center. | This questionnaire is mailed to school/center address given when teacher/caregiver permission is granted by primary caregiver. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Geographic location of school/center.
- Racial composition of the school/center.
- Characteristics of the school/center.

Home-based Care (Teacher and Administrator)

HOME-BASED CARE QUESTIONNAIRE

| RESPONDENT: | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION: | MAIN OBJECTIVE: | NOTES |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Home Caregiver | Mail Survey/Self-Administered | To obtain information about the environment of young children who have home-based care. Information on the behavior of the children will also be obtained. | Parent permission must be given in order to mail caregiver questionnaire. |

Key Objectives of the Questionnaire:

To obtain information on...

- Environment of home-based care.
- Services of home-base care.
- Background and experience of the caregivers.
- Time-use data on the caregiver and target child.

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Chapter 6 *Assessments and Scales*

Assessments

Woodcock-Johnson Revised Tests of Achievement

Children age 3 and older were assessed using the Woodcock-Johnson Revised Tests of Achievement (WJ-R), Form B (Woodcock & Johnson, 1989). The younger children (3-5 year olds) were administered two subscales of the WJ-R, the Letter-Word and Applied Problems tests. Older children (6-12 year olds) were administered two additional subtests, the Passage Comprehension and Calculation tests. These scales can be used individually, or in the case of the four subscales, combined to create scores for Broad Reading and Broad Math. When applicable, the Spanish version of the WJ-R (Batería-R, Form A), was used for children whose primary language was Spanish. Table 4 gives a brief description of each subscale, age group that were administered the tests, and reliability of the scale.

Table 4. Description of Woodcock-Johnson-R Subtests

| Subscale | Description | Ages tested |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|
| Letter-Word Identification | Tests for symbolic learning (matching pictures with words) as well as reading identification skills (identifying letters and words) ¹ . | 3-12 |
| Passage Comprehension | Measures comprehension and vocabulary skills using multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank format ¹ . | 6-12 |
| Calculation | Measures performance on mathematical calculations (additions, subtraction, etc.) and quantitative ability ¹ . | 6-12 |
| Applied Problems | Measures skill in analyzing solving practical problems in mathematics ¹ . | 3-12 |

Note: ¹Woodcock, R.W. & Johnson, M. B. (1989).

The WJ-R test contains nine subtests measuring different aspects of academic achievement. The four chosen for this study cover only the reading and math portion of the test. These tests were chosen due to the ease of administration as well as their brevity. On average, across all age groups, test administration took approximately 40 minutes (Table 5). As shown in the table, the youngest children took the shortest amount of time and the oldest the longest.

Table 5. Length of Time, in Minutes for the Child Questionnaire, by Age of Child and Assessment.

| Age | Digit Span | | | Self Esteem | | | Total Time | Std.D | N |
|-------|------------------|------|------|--------------------------|----------|------|------------|-------|------|
| | Woodcock Johnson | Std. | N | Middle School Time Diary | Std. Dev | N | | | |
| 3.00 | 0:11 | 0:06 | 217 | 0:05 | 0:04 | 0:00 | 0:15 | 0:09 | 221 |
| 4.00 | 0:12 | 0:04 | 239 | 0:06 | 0:08 | 230 | 0:18 | 0:10 | 236 |
| 5.00 | 0:15 | 0:09 | 206 | 0:06 | 0:05 | 204 | 0:21 | 0:12 | 207 |
| 6.00 | 0:23 | 0:09 | 228 | 0:07 | 0:06 | 225 | 0:30 | 0:12 | 225 |
| 7.00 | 0:29 | 0:11 | 210 | 0:09 | 0:10 | 207 | 0:39 | 0:15 | 212 |
| 8.00 | 0:32 | 0:11 | 196 | 0:16 | 0:09 | 195 | 0:48 | 0:15 | 197 |
| 9.00 | 0:37 | 0:13 | 194 | 0:16 | 0:08 | 196 | 0:54 | 0:17 | 199 |
| 10.00 | 0:39 | 0:13 | 243 | 0:19 | 0:10 | 242 | 0:59 | 0:18 | 242 |
| 11.00 | 0:41 | 0:15 | 193 | 0:21 | 0:09 | 190 | 1:02 | 0:19 | 194 |
| 12.00 | 0:41 | 0:13 | 227 | 0:25 | 0:10 | 226 | 1:07 | 0:18 | 228 |
| 13.00 | 0:39 | 0:12 | 15 | 0:22 | 0:08 | 15 | 1:01 | 0:17 | 15 |
| Total | 0:28 | 0:16 | 2168 | 0:13 | 0:11 | 2139 | 0:41 | 0:24 | 2176 |

Digit Span

The Memory for Digit Span test from the WISC-III, used in the NLSY-Child Study, is also used to assess children's short-term memory (Wechsler, 1974). In the first part of the test, the child is asked to listen and repeat a sequence of numbers said by the interviewer. In the second part, the child is asked to repeat them in reverse order. The sequence increases in length until the child can no longer repeat the sequence correctly. The PSID Child Development Supplement asked this of children 3 and older.

Self-Esteem

We measure task perception in reading and math and self-esteem of children age 8 and older using a set of scales developed and validated by Jacquelynne Eccles (Eccles, Wigfield, Harold & Blumenfeld, 1993), with an additional subscale on global self-concept created by H.W. Marsh and used in the National Longitudinal Survey of Canadian Children and Youth (SDQ-I) (National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, 1997), and the Marsh Self-Description Questionnaire (Marsh, 1990).

Scales

Primary Caregiver-Child Questionnaire

Physical Health of the Child. Questions about the physical health of each child (A2-A34) were drawn from the redesigned National Health Interview Survey and from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Additional advice was obtained from Lorraine Klerman, University of Birmingham School of Public Health, and Marie McCormick, Harvard School of Public Health. The questions first cover height and weight. They inquire about conditions surrounding birth, such as birth weight, special health care and problems at birth, breast-feeding, general health at birth, health care coverage, receipt of government subsidies during pregnancy. The instrument then asks about experiences following birth, such as hospitalizations, whether the child was ever diagnosed to have any of a set of chronic conditions ranging from asthma to developmental disabilities, visits to a health care professional for illness, injury, or emotional problem, frequency of routine health check-ups, and health care coverage.

The major scales of interest to analysts are general health (A34) and disability (A26). The general health question (A34) is the following: "In general, would you say (child's) health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?" The question has a long history in surveys and is the one question that almost all surveys

include. The disability series (A26) asks "Does (child) currently have any physical or mental condition that would limit or prevent (his/her) ability to... do usual childhood activities such as play, or participate in games or sports, attend school (preschool or day care) regularly, or do regular school work?" This series was taken from the NLSY-Mother/Child Supplement. Question A21 asks about a series of chronic conditions: "Has your doctor or health professional ever said that (child) had. . ." Frequency distributions of children's health and conditions are included in our first report: *Healthy Environments, Healthy Children: Children in Families* which can be downloaded from our web site.

HOME Scale. The Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment-Short Form from the Caldwell and Bradley HOME Inventory (Caldwell & Bradley, 1984) is used as a measure of the cognitive stimulation and emotional support parents provide to children. The particular items used in the PSID Child Development Supplement were taken directly from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, Mother-Child Supplement so that the scales would be as similar as possible (Baker, Keck, Mott & Quinlan, 1993) (Table 6). This scale comprises a large number of items in sections B-F and L of the primary caregiver/child questionnaire, and a few items in the primary caregiver/household questionnaire (Q2A26-Q2A28). With a few minor exceptions, this objective was accomplished. The raw scores from the total scale, HOME1, are included on the primary caregiver-child file. A second scale, HOME2, which excludes the three items involving fathers--how often spends time with the father, how often spends time with the father outdoors, and how often eats a meal with the father--was also constructed and included on the file for those analysts who do not want to include those items.

Aggravation in Parenting. The aggravation in parenting scale (Q1B11a-e) and (Q2A29a-d) was developed by Child Trends, Inc., for the JOBS child outcomes study to measure parenting stress that parents may feel as a result of changes in employment, income, and other factors in their lives. The five items in the primary caregiver/child questionnaire focus on the child while the four items in the primary caregiver/household questionnaire focus on parenting in general. The five items used in the JOBS study are Q1B11b, Q1B11c, B11d, and Q2A29a and Q2A29b. The five-item scale used in the JOBS study has an alpha of .69. The JOBS evaluation found maternal aggravation in parenting to be linked to maternal employment and to higher levels of child behavior problems.

School Enrollment and Expectations. In order to know about the child's school enrollment and attendance, the primary caregiver was asked to report on the child's enrollment in school, when first began kindergarten, grade attending, type of school (private/public), school tuition, attendance, receipt of meals under the school lunch and breakfast programs, whether attended special class or school for gifted students, whether was classified as needing special education, whether ever participated in Head Start, whether ever repeated a grade. These questions (G1-G20) come from the National Household Education Survey, from the NLSY, and from the 1995 PSID. G21 asks parental expectations for the child's completed schooling and also comes from the NLSY and NELS:88.

Behavior Problems Index. The behavior problem scale (G23, G32) was developed by James Peterson and Nicholas Zill to measure the incidence and severity of child behavior problems in a survey setting (Peterson & Zill, 1986). Many of the items are from the Achenbach Behavior Problems Checklist (Achenbach & Edelbrock, 1981). Exactly the same set of items used in the NLSY was used in the PSID Child Development Supplement in order to maximize comparability between the two data sets, though the PSID-CDS asked the questions were drawn from of children 3 and older while the NLSY began the questions at age 4. The scale is based on responses by the primary caregiver as to whether a set of 30 problem behaviors is often, sometimes, or never true of the child. Behaviors include having sudden changes in mood or feeling, is fearful or anxious, bullies or is cruel or mean, demands a lot of attention. Behaviors are also divided into two subscales, a measure of externalizing or aggressive behavior and a measure of internalizing, withdrawn or sad behavior. Scores provided are raw scores on the scales. Items G23aa, bb, cc and dd were added by NLSY staff to provide additional measurement for the withdrawn behavior scale. Finally, items G32 a and b are part of the Behavior Problems Scale but are only applicable to school-age children. We created one behavior problems scale by summing the scores on the raw items with direction of scoring reversed, using the 30 items for all children. We also created separate scores for

two subscales, internal or withdrawn and external or aggressive. The analyst can either add the two items for school-age children to the 30-item scale, or, as we did in *Healthy Environments, Healthy Children: Children in Families* use the two items as a separate scale of school problems. Table 6 shows how the 30 items for all children 3 and older map onto the external and internal scales.

Table 6. Behavior Problems Index Factors and Reliabilities

| Question | External | Internal | Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| a (He/She)has sudden changes in mood or feeling. | X | | X |
| b (He/She)feels or complains that no one loves him/her. | | X | X |
| c (He/She)is rather high strung and nervous. | X | | X |
| d (He/She)cheats or tells lies. | X | | X |
| e (He/She)is too fearful or anxious. | | X | X |
| f (He/She)argues too much | X | | X |
| g (He/She)has difficulty concentrating, cannot pay attention for long. | X | | X |
| h (He/She)is easily confused, seems to be in a fog. | | X | X |
| i (He/She)bullies or is cruel or mean to others. | X | | X |
| j (He/She)is disobedient. | X | | X |
| k (He/She)does not seem to feel sorry after (he/she)misbehaves. | X | | X |
| l (He/She)has trouble getting along with other children | X | X | X |
| m (He/She)is impulsive,or acts without thinking. | X | | X |
| n (He/She)feels worthless or inferior. | | X | X |
| o (He/She)is not liked by other children. | | X | X |
| p (He/She)has difficulty getting (his/her) mind off certain thoughts. | | X | X |
| q (He/She)is restless or overly active, cannot sit still | X | | X |
| r (He/She)is stubborn,sullen,or irritable. | X | | X |
| s (He/She)has a very strong temper and loses it easily. | X | | X |
| t (He/She)is unhappy,sad or depressed. | | X | X |
| u (He/She)is withdrawn, does not get involved with others. | | X | X |
| v (He/She)breaks things on purpose or deliberately destroys (his/her)own or another's things. | X | | X |
| w (He/She)clings to adults. | * | * | X |
| x (He/She)cries too much. | X | | X |
| y (He/She)demands a lot of attention. | X | | X |
| z (He/She)is too dependant on others. | | X | X |
| aa (He/She)feels others are out to get (him/her). | | X | X |
| bb (He/She)hangs around with kids who get into trouble. | * | * | X |
| cc (He/She)is secretive, keeps things to (himself/herself). | | X | X |
| dd (He/She)worries too much. | | X | X |
| Number of items | 16 | 13 | 30 |

| | | | |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Cronbach's alpha | 0.86 | 0.81 | 0.90 |
| Unweighted N | | | 2646 |

*Not included in the scale

Positive Behavior Scale. The Positive Behavior Scale (G24) was developed by Denise Polit for use in the New Chance Evaluation (Polit, 1998). The purpose of the scale was to tap the positive aspects of children's lives, including self-esteem, social competence, self-control, obedience/compliance, and persistence. The original scale consisted of 25 items evaluated on a 10-point scale, from not at all like my child to very much like my child. The scale used in the PSID-CDS consists of 10 items that were selected by Child Trends, Inc., for use in the JOBS evaluation. The primary caregiver is asked whether each statement applies to child, on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means "not at all like my child," and 5 means "totally like my child," and 2,3, and 4 are somewhere in-between. A factor analysis of the original 25-item scale resulted in three dimensions: compliance/self-control, social competence/social sensitivity, and autonomy.

Household Tasks. The set of items about household interaction (G25-a,b,c,f,i,j) was designed to tap maternal and paternal interaction with children in ways that are not dependent on purchased toys or equipment. That is, these are normal activities that could be done in any household. The purpose was to have a scale of parent-child interaction that would not be income-biased. The set of items (G25d,e,g,h,k,m) are items measuring cognitive stimulation. The items about the computer/video games and board, card games, and puzzles may be income-biased.

Participation in Child's Education. This scale (G28) measures parental involvement in the child's school, which includes meeting or conversing with the child's teacher, school principal, or school counselor, attending a school event, attending the parent-teacher's association meeting, and volunteering in the classroom. The items for this scale were taken from various education surveys, including the NELS:88, the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey, and the National Household Education Survey.

Parental Difficulty in School Involvement. This set of items (G29) was designed in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education, which was interested in finding out the barriers to parental involvement with their children's schools. It is drawn partially from the National Household Education Survey 1996.

Number of School Changes. This question (G30) comes from the NELS:88.

Parent-Child Communication about School. This scale (G31) measures the frequency and nature of communication between parent and child about school. The questions are asked only of parents of children enrolled in school. These questions were modeled after questions in the NELS:88 parent baseline survey, but modified to be appropriate for younger children.

Parental Monitoring. This scale (G33) comes from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, Mother-Child file. "Think now about how things are going in general in (child's) life. Please rate each of the following parts of (child's) life as either excellent, good, fair or poor." The NLSY scale has six items including health, friendships, relationship with you (primary caregiver), feelings about himself, prospects for the future, and relationships with brothers, sisters, or other children he lives with." We added two additional items to tap a relationship with a teacher or caregiver and the relationship with the child's other parent.

Parental Warmth. This 6-item scale (G37) was developed by Child Trends, Inc., for use in the JOBS observational study to measure the warmth of the relationship between the child and parent. These measures can also be used with items in the interviewer observation of the home environment in Section L that ask for interviewer report of maternal warmth observed during the visit (L4, L8, L13, L15).

Child Care Arrangements. The series on child care arrangements (Section H) comes from the National Child Care Survey 1990 and other related child care questionnaires. The retrospective history was based

both on the National Child Care Survey retrospective history and on the experimental retrospective history asked in the 1989 wave of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (Mott & Baker, 1989).

Conflict with Absent Parent. The purpose of this scale (J28) is to assess the degree of conflict and/or agreement between the parent the child lives with and the absent parent over issues such as where the child lives, how he/she is raised, visits, discipline, etc. This scale was drawn from the National Survey of Families and Households, supplemented by additional items from other scales.

Absent Parent Interaction. The purpose of the series of items in J29 is to obtain information about the frequency and types of activities in which absent parents are involved with their children. This series was drawn from the National Survey of Families and Households and the JOBS evaluation

Absent Parent Expenditures on Child. This scale (J30) supplements the core questions on child support. Even if the absent parent provides child support, he may also provide other things for the child either in cash or in kind. This series obtains information on other contributions absent fathers make to their children. The series was drawn from the National Survey of Families and Household and the JOBS evaluation.

Food Security. Twelve percent of all U.S. households and 17% of all U.S. households with children under 18 years of age experience some level of food insecurity (Hamilton, et al., 1997a). However, we do not know the consequences of food insecurity for those who experience it. Available evidence about the consequences of food insecurity in the U.S. consists of aggregate statistics on health outcomes, such as infant mortality rates for poor groups in comparison to others. Thus, we do not have direct evidence that indicates the effect of food insecurity on child well-being.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we added the food security measurement scale (Section K) developed to measure food security in the United States (Hamilton, et al., 1997a). Information on the use of and validation of the scale are contained in publications by Hamilton and colleagues (Hamilton, et al., 1997b; Price, Hamilton & Cook, 1997).

Primary Caregiver-Household Questionnaire

Neighborhood Measures. Question A1 measures the length of time the respondent has lived in the neighborhood. Question A2 comes from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth and measures general neighborhood satisfaction. The majority of the questions are based upon Robert Sampson's research (Sampson, 1991). The question A3 attempts to determine what the respondent thinks his/her neighborhood is (Elliott, Huizenga & Menard, 1989). Question A6 gets at home ownership and race/ethnic composition of the neighborhood, and was drawn from Del Elliot's Denver Youth survey (Elliott, et al., 1996). Questions A4-A6 attempt to determine the ratio of local friendship/acquaintanceship ties relative to the total population. This comes from (Elliott, et al., 1996). Question A7 defines extent of neighborhood anonymity. Social cohesion/capital in the neighborhood is measured in Question A11--How likely is it that a neighbor would do something if...? This set of items also was drawn from (Elliott, et al., 1996). Social capital is measured in A8, in terms of community activities the respondent and partner participated in within the past month. Safety is measured in A12, which was drawn from the Hispanic Neighborhood Study.

Household Security. Neighborhood safety is also measured in A13, regarding security measure on their home--whether they have a security system or bars on the doors and whether they leave doors unlocked. This set of items was created for the PSID-CDS.

Religion. Attendance at religious services and the importance of religion are included in A9 and A10. These questions were drawn from the Detroit Area Study.

Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale. A14 is the Rosenberg self-esteem scale (Rosenberg, 1986).

Social Support. Our measures of social support, A15-A19, were drawn from the National Survey of

Families and Households and from the 1980 Panel Study of Income Dynamics. This set of items measures receipt of and provision of assistance to others who are not living with the respondent over the past month. Assistance includes time help, moral and emotional support, and help in an emergency. Information on monetary assistance is contained in the core PSID interview and, for that reason, was not asked here.

Pearlin Self-Efficacy Scale. QA20 is the Pearlin Self-Efficacy Scale (Pearlin, Lieberman, Menaghan & Mullan, 1981).

Child Rearing Values and Rules. Developed by Duane Alwin (Alwin, 1990), these items (A22-A25) appeared in the Detroit Area Study and the General Social Survey.

Parental Modernity Scale. A32 was developed by Schaeffer and Edgerton to assess the modernity or traditionality of parents' values and attitudes about childrearing (Schaefer & Edgerton, 1985).

Parenting Attitudes and Opinions. This set of items (A33-A36) was developed for the PSID-CDS. It supplements the above set questions on parental attitudes and values in child rearing. It is widely believed that some parents push their children to succeed because they believe that hard work results in success, while others do not push their children because they believe that natural ability is most crucial. Still others may believe that success is due to interpersonal relationships. A34 is designed to see what types of compromises or life style adjustments parents have made to make life better for their children and comes from the 1995 follow-up to the National Survey of Adolescent Males (Sonenstein & Pleck, 1995). A35 and A36 attempt to get at the involvement of the respondent's own biological parent and to what extent the respondent models their parenting after that of their own parent.

Gender Roles. The basic set of gender role items (A37a-p,t,u) was taken from the National Survey of Families and Households. It was supplemented with questions on fathering drawn from the Being a Father Scale by Joseph Pleck (A37v-cc) (Pleck, 1997). The majority of the items were drawn from Palkowitz's Role of the Father Questionnaire (Palkowitz, 1984), which taps the belief that THE father role is important in child development. Item 37bb is a new item developed by Pleck which taps the belief that responsibility of male breadwinner role justifies lower involvement with children. Item 37cc, also new, taps belief in equal paternal competence. A37q,r tap attitudes regarding maternal work and nonparental child care. A37s taps attitudes towards spanking.

Parent Disagreement. A40 was drawn from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth and the National Survey of Families and Households as a measure of extent of agreement between parents on daily activities.

Joint Goals. A41 was designed for the PSID-CDS to gauge the extent to which respondent and partner have joint marital/family goals for the future.

Family Conflict. A42 was drawn from the National Survey of Families and Households (Sweet, Bumpass & Call, 1988) and attempts to examine methods of conflict resolution among family members.

Alcohol Use. The series A44-A49 is a standard set of questions that is used to evaluate whether the respondent has a drinking problem and whether there is any negative influence of any other household member's drinking habits on children.

Economic Strain. This set of items (A53) was drawn from the work of Glen Elder and Rand Conger in measuring experiences of economic or financial stress and strain and practical responses to such financial pressures (Conger & Elder, 1994).

Regular Activity Schedules. This schedule of parental work over the past week (A54) comes from the National Child Care Survey 1990 (Hofferth, Brayfield, Deich & Holcomb, 1991).

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Chapter 7 *Pretests*

Household Pretest 1 - June, 1996

Household Pretest 1 was not a normal pretest, because its major purpose was not primarily to test the questions. The items in the questionnaires for this study have been used extensively in other studies. While we did test the questions, the main goal of Pretest 1 was to test the procedures for this study. Specifically, we were trying to find ways to help minimize the burden on both the interviewer and respondent and to make things go as smoothly as possible to help achieve a high response rate. The pretest was used to find ways to improve the order of administration, to develop tools to help keep track of things, and to develop procedures for production data collection. The pretest consisted of 23 households with 45 children.

Teacher Pretest 1 - July, 1996

The respondents for Teacher Pretest 1 were teachers who were attending summer school classes at Teachers College, Columbia University. Presentations were made in four summer school classes, four professors were given flyers, and flyers were posted around the campus. In addition, to recruit more preschool teachers, local preschools were called. The results were as follows:

TABLE 8. Number of Interviews, Teacher Pretest

| Type of school | # completed by mail | # completed by phone | # refused | Total complete |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Elementary | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Middle | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Preschool | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 8 | 4 | 1 | 13 |

As a result of this pretest, we learned that the respondent burden was very high. The instruments were scaled back in length to help alleviate this burden. We also learned that only three of the responding teachers had any concerns regarding confidentiality. The majority of the teachers felt comfortable completing the questionnaire.

Pretest 2 - October - November, 1996

The number of household interviews completed in Pretest 2 was 51. For the following tables data from up to 49 households (with 85 children) were used; the information from 2 households was not complete.

N=19 households (30 children) from households that were included from the immigrant PSID pretest.

N= 9 households (15 children) from households that were included from the Core PSID pretest.

N=21 households (40 children) from Achild-only households (where no PSID interview was taken).

In preproduction, up to three children could be selected from each sample household. The following table shows the percentage of households where one, two, and three children were included in the study.

Table 9. Number of Household Interviews, Pretest 2

| # of Children | % of Households | # HH | # Children |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 child | 36.7% | 18 | 18 |
| 2 children | 53.1% | 26 | 52 |
| 3 children | 10.2% | 5 | 15 |
| Total | 100.0% | 49 | 85 |

The next table shows the distribution of the children's ages for Pretest 2.

Table 10. Distribution of Children's Ages, Pretest 2

| Age of Children | % of Children | (N) |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 0-2 years | 18.8% | 16 |
| 3-5 years | 22.4% | 19 |
| 6-9 years | 37.6% | 32 |
| 10-12 years | 17.6% | 15 |
| DK Age | 3.5% | 3 |
| Total | 99.9% | 85 |

The following table shows the average length of each interviewer-administered instrument in Pretest 2.

Table 11. Length of Interviews, Pretest 2

| Questionnaire | Avg Minutes | (N) | Range |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|-------|
| Child Interview | 13.7 | 58 | 2-42 |
| Prim. Caregiver-Child | 42.0 | 69 | 5-81 |
| Father Out-Child | 24 | 1 | |
| Father Out-HH | 18 | 1 | |

The next table shows the eligibility rates and response rates for each questionnaire.

Table 12. Eligibility Rates, Pretest 2

| Questionnaire | # Eligible | % Eligible* | (N) | Response Rate (% of eligibles) |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Primary Caregiver- | | | | |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|----|----------|
| Child | 85 | 100% | 84 | 98.8% |
| Primary Caregiver-HH | 49 | 100% | 44 | 89.9% |
| Other Caregiver-Child | 66 | 76.5% of kids | 65 | 98.5% |
| Other Caregiver-HH | 39 | 77.6% of HH | 38 | 97.4% |
| Father Out-Child | 15 | 17.6% of kids | 4 | 26.7% ** |
| Father Out-HH | 8 | 25% of HH | 2 | 12.5% ** |
| Elementary Teacher | 55 | 64.7% of kids | 24 | 43.6% |
| Elementary Diary | 49 | 57.6% of kids | 16 | 32.7% |
| Preschool Teacher | 13 | 15.3% of kids | 6 | 46.2% |
| Preschool Diary | 13 | 15.3% of kids | 7 | 53.8% |
| Elementary Admin | 56*** | 65.9% of kids | 22 | 39.3% |
| Preschool Admin | 13 | 15.3% of kids | 3 | 23.1% |

*Base N = 49 Households; 85 children

**2 refused to give information; 2 did not know where father was.

***Elementary Admin includes duplicate administrators (1 admin for 2 kids); Don't know (DK) why the number eligible is different from elementary teachers.

The following table summarizes the contact attempts for the Pretest 2 households.

Table 13. Contacts, Pretest 2

| Household Contacts | Total contacts | In person visits |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Average number of contacts | 5.4 | 2.5 |
| Minimum | 1 | 1 |
| Maximum | 15 | 6 |
| (N) | 34 | 34 |

The second test of the teacher questionnaires occurred concurrently with the full pretest of the household questionnaires. After the household portion of the interview process was completed, the field interviewer asked for the respondent's signed permission form allowing us to contact the child's teacher and administrator. The interviewer then mailed self-administered questionnaires to both the teacher and administrator. In Pretest 2, the Survey Research Center followed up to increase the response rate. This consisted of mailing a reminder postcard to the teacher and administrator one week after the field interviewer mailed the questionnaire packets. If the teacher or administrator had not returned the questionnaire one week after the postcard had been sent, the research technicians began to conduct reminder calling. Up to six calls total could be placed to each teacher and administrator.

Table 14 presents the results of Pretest 2. There were 85 eligible children in this pretest. Sixty-eight children were either in elementary/middle school or preschool/daycare. Teachers of middle school children did not receive the time diary because the children change classes and they would not know what the children do all day. Instead, the middle school children filled out the time diaries as part of the household interview.

TABLE 14. RESPONSE RATES, PRETEST 2

| Questionnaire Type | # of questionnaires sent | # of questionnaires received | Response Rate |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|

| | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|-------|
| Elementary/Middle School Teacher | 55 | 28 | 50.9% |
| Elementary School Time Diary | 49 | 20 | 40.8% |
| Preschool/Daycare Teacher | 13 | 7 | 53.8% |
| Preschool/Daycare Time Diary | 13 | 7 | 53.8% |
| Elementary/Middle School Administrator | 56 | 23 | 41.1% |
| Preschool/Daycare Administrator | 13 | 3 | 23.1% |
| Total Questionnaires sent & received | 199 sent | 88 received | 44% |

Reminder/thank you postcards were sent to all teachers and administrators. Forty-five schools were called. The average number of calls per school was 2.5 calls. The minimum number of calls to a school was zero and the maximum number of calls was six calls.

As a result of this pretest, the teacher time diaries were combined into the teacher questionnaires so that the teachers would be more willing to complete both instruments. A question was added to the elementary/middle school teacher questionnaire to skip middle school teachers over the time diary portion of the questionnaire. A separate questionnaire for home-based care providers or "baby-sitters" was developed for use in production to capture this type of care arrangement as well. A corresponding administrator questionnaire was not needed for this type of care arrangement.

The respondent burden still proved to be high in the second pretest. In response, the instruments were further scaled back to help alleviate respondent burden and the questionnaires were tested to determine if they could be administered over the phone. It was thought that administering the questionnaire over the phone would be easier for the respondent. The questionnaires were successfully completed over the phone but were even more time-consuming. The time diary in particular was cumbersome when administered over the phone. As a result, we decided not to change the data collection method. The procedure for the teacher and administrator questionnaires remained the same for production.

Results of Pretest 2

The following procedures changed after Pretest 2 for production data collection.

- Pretest 2 interviewed up to three eligible children in a household; production is limited to two children per household.
- The teacher time diaries were incorporated into the teacher questionnaire for production; they were separate instruments for pretest.
- We added a home-based care questionnaire for babysitters for production, based on our pretest experience.
- The child time diaries were reformatted for production.
- The self-administered questionnaires were reformatted for production.
- The partner of the primary caregiver was redefined as other caregiver for production to include grandmothers of sample children and other adults living in the target child's home.

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Chapter 8 *Coding*

The Coding role can be broken down into two general tasks: Time Diary Coding activities and Direct Data Entry (DDE). The Survey Research Center was responsible for maintaining data quality while moving the raw data from paper into electronic data.

Coding

Extensive coding of the Home Time Diaries and School Time Diaries was required before data entry. A complex coding scheme was developed to define the activities described in the Home Time Diaries. Additional codes were developed to describe the location of the activities, all participants in the activity, and others nearby. These codes can be found in the full coding manual that lists the codes and describes the special concerns which might arise when coding time diaries. This is available from study staff on request.

The codebook for the Child Development Supplement was adapted from a time diary codebook developed in the late 1970s and early 1980s for a project entitled "Time Use in Social and Economic Accounts" (Juster & Stafford, 1985). Some modifications for coding children's activities were added in the early 1980s. Coding schemes were revised for the 1997 data collection, and revisions were made during the coding process in order to cover all activities.

Direct Data Entry

In DDE, the data from all of the various questionnaires (including the Time Diaries) was entered into the SAS data entry application, verifying that entry was accurate, and logging and filing materials as tasks are completed.

Occupation Coding

Occupation coding was used in the Father Outside of the Home-Household Questionnaire. All other occupational information for the household can be found in the PSID interview. We used the 1970 three-digit Census Bureau occupational codes, the same codes that the PSID uses.

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Chapter 9 *Quality Control Procedures*

Field Procedures

Interviewers reported to their regional field managers or team leaders during prearranged team conference calls. The purpose of these on-going calls was to answer any questions that the Interviewers may have had and to monitor their progress. In addition, this time was used for planning approaches to specific cases, discussing refusals and conversion strategies, describing tracking procedures, and discussing strategies to meet the overall goals of the study. During the entire study period, but particularly the first weeks of the study, production was monitored very closely.

Every interviewer's first household case in the spring data collection and in the fall data collection was sent to their team leader. The case was thoroughly edited and evaluated and the household was also called for verification of the interview. In addition to the first case, household cases could be flagged at any time for evaluation and verification. If an interviewer was identified as having problems, all their cases could be flagged for review.

Coding and Data Entry

For every time diary coder, the first few diaries were check-coded by the head coder. After the initial check, at least 10% of each coder's diaries was check-coded by the head coder.

The first 15 to 20 questionnaires (depending on the size of the questionnaire) of each data entry staff person were reentered. The total number of eligible questions minus the number of mistakes was divided by the number of eligible questions to determine each staff member's reliability score. If a staff member's reliability score was below 98%, every questionnaire was reentered for verification. If the staff member's reliability score was above 98%, approximately 20% of the questionnaires were reentered for verification. The average reliability score for the data entry staff was 99.2%.

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