

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION STUDY

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Please print the following information:

Mother's Name _____

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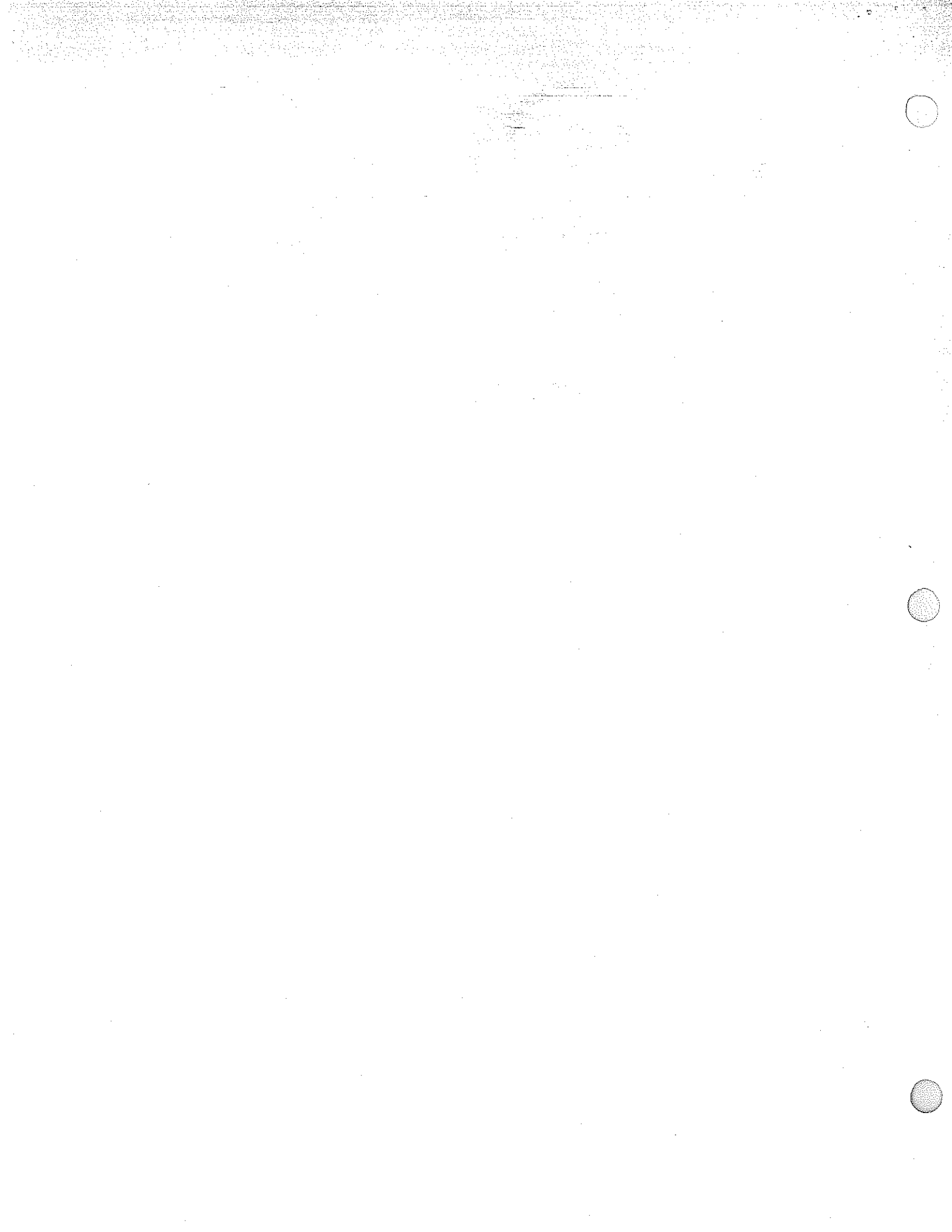
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We appreciate your participating in this study with us, and hope you will find this questionnaire both interesting and fun! The following pages contain a variety of questions about your family's activities, interests, likes, abilities, future plans, etc. We are interested in your opinion about these matters. Please read and answer each item carefully, and remember, there are no right or wrong answers.

When the questions ask about "your child", they refer to the child whose name appears on the label above.

date received)

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How well is your child adjusting to high school? (Circle ONE number)

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not at all well 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very well

Since your child entered high school, how has his/her general attitude toward school changed? (Circle ONE number)

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become much worse 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 become much better

Parents often have some concerns about their child's experiences in high school. Please rate how concerned you are about each of the following using the scale below.

not at all worried 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very worried

NOW THAT MY CHILD IS IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WORRY

- V11226 that my child will become involved with drugs or alcohol.
V11227 that my child will get in with the wrong crowd of friends.
V11228 that my child will start skipping school.
V11229 about fighting and violence at my child's school.

It is appropriate for children to think about the following things at different ages. At this stage in your child's life, how important do you think each of the following is for your child? Please use the scale given below.

not important 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very important

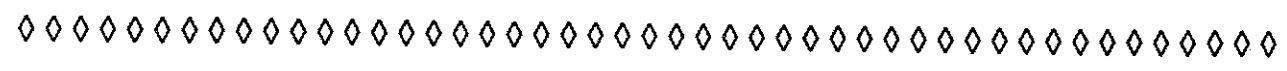
- V11230 to have begun career planning
V11231 to be actively seeking out information on careers
V11232 to have already chosen an occupation or job
V11233 to have worked for pay or applied for and gotten a part-time job

Here is a list of skills and abilities. Rate your child on each skill from 1 (a lot worse than others) to 7 (a lot better than others).

a lot worse than others							a lot better than others
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

COMPARED TO OTHER CHILDREN, HOW GOOD IS YOUR CHILD AT

- | | |
|--|--|
| V11234 supervising others | V11235 repairing mechanical equipment |
| V11236 taking care of children | V11237 public speaking |
| V11238 computer skills | V11239 organizational ability (planning) |
| V11240 being a leader | V11241 cooking and housekeeping |
| V11242 math | V11243 writing |
| V11244 sciences | V11245 sports |
| V11246 working hard | V11247 being patient |
| V11248 being creative | V11249 being independent |
| V11250 being assertive | V11251 being self-confident |
| V11252 listening to and understanding others | |
| V11253 teaching and explaining to others | |



The following questions ask how likely your child would be to succeed in several kinds of jobs. Please use the following scale:

very unlikely							very likely
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

HOW LIKELY WOULD YOUR CHILD BE TO SUCCEED IN A CAREER

- V11254 working with children?
- V11255 supervising others?
- V11256 fixing things?
- V11257 doing physical science or engineering?
- V11258 as a full-time homemaker/parent (not employed outside the home)?

The following questions ask about things you might want your child to do before he/she gets married. Rate each one on a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 7 (very important).

not at all
important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

very
important

BEFORE YOUR CHILD GETS MARRIED, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT THEY:

- V11259 Live on their own (away from home)
- V11260 Save a lot of money
- V11261 Have a secure job
- V11262 Have dated several people seriously
- V11263 Date the person they will marry for more than a year
- V11264 Live with the person they will marry
- V11265 Finish college

All of the following goals may be important to people. We are interested in knowing which ones you feel should be most important to your child. Write one number from 1 (compared to the others listed, this is one of the least important goals) to 7 (compared to the others listed, this is one of the most important) on the line next to each goal.

one of the least
important goals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

one of the most
important goals

COMPARED TO OTHER GOALS YOUR CHILD MIGHT HAVE, HOW IMPORTANT SHOULD EACH OF THE FOLLOWING BE TO YOUR CHILD:

- V11266 Going to college after high school
- V11267 Being very successful in his/her line of work
- V11268 Being able to find steady work
- V11269 Being able to support him/herself (being financially independent)
- V11270 Helping to improve the lives of others
- V11271 Getting married
- V11272 Having a good marriage and family life
- V11273 Having children
- V11274 Staying home to take care of his/her children when they are young
- V11275 Being a successful parent (raising healthy, happy, well-adjusted children)

276 What would be the earliest age at which you'd like your child to marry?
 _____ years old _____ I prefer him/her not to marry

VII277 What would be the earliest age at which you'd like your child to start having children?
 _____ years old _____ I prefer him/her not to have children

In the following questions, you are asked to make a choice between two or three answers. These characteristics are important to everyone. For these questions, please choose the one answer that you feel is most important for your child to be.

VII278 How would you rather have people see your child? (CHECK ONLY ONE CHOICE)

- _____ 1) Capable, competent, self-disciplined
 _____ 2) Creative, impulsive, open
 _____ 3) Understanding others, sympathetic, kind

VII279 Who would you prefer your child to be?

- _____ 1) Someone who "is a good friend...would do anything for you...one of my favorite people."
 _____ 2) Someone who "will go far in their field...has gained a lot of people's respect...devotes a lot of time to work and loves it."

VII280 Which of these would you rather hear about your child?

- _____ 1) He/she is a warm, loving husband/wife.
 _____ 2) He/she is powerful and dynamic in the work he/she does.

/11281 Which do you think is a better measure of success or failure in your child's life?

- _____ 1) Progress made in his/her career.
 _____ 2) Having lots of close caring relationships.

Below is a list of characteristics that are important for a child to learn to prepare him/her for life. Please put a "1" by the characteristic that you think is most important for your child; a "2" by the characteristic that is second most important; and so forth until you have ranked all six characteristics from 1 to 6.

/11282 _____ responsible _____ good sense and sound judgement VII283

/11284 _____ good manners _____ neat and clean VII285

/11286 _____ obeys _____ interested in how and why things happen VII287

POSSIBLE JOBS

Look at the following list of jobs and rate how likely it is that your child would be in each kind of job when s/he is 28 years old. Use the following scale:

very unlikely							very likely
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- V11342 Laborer (like car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer)
- V11343 Domestic service (like housekeeper, in-home child care)
- V11344 Food service (like waiter, waitress, cook, food preparation)
- V11345 Personal service (like barber, beautician, laundry)
- V11346 Transportation (like taxi-cab, bus, or truck driver)
- V11347 Factory (like assembly line worker, welder)
- V11348 Sales clerk in a retail store
- V11349 Clerical or office worker (like typist, receptionist, secretary)
- V11350 Protective or military service (like police officer, fireman, military enlisted person)
- V11351 Skilled worker (like carpenter, electrician, mechanic, computer repair)
- V11352 Clothing/textiles worker (like seamstress, tailor)
- V11353 Farm owner, manager of a farm
- V11354 Owner of small business (like restaurant owner, shop owner)
- V11355 Sales representative
- V11356 Business manager or administrator, stock broker
- V11357 Health paraprofessional (like paramedic, dental hygienist, medical technician, vet's assistant)
- V11358 Professional artist (like designer, interior decorator)
- V11359 Professional athlete
- V11360 Performing artist (like musician, actress, dancer, model)
- V11361 Career military officer
- V11362 Full-time homemaker
- V11363 Health professional without a doctoral degree (like registered nurse, physical therapist, pharmacist)
- V11364 Science or math related field (like engineer, architect, CPA, science teacher)
- V11365 Human services (like librarian, social worker, counselor, teacher)
- V11366 Lawyer
- V11367 Health professional with advanced degree (like physician, dentist, psychiatrist, veterinarian)
- V11368 Research scientist with a PhD
- V11369 College or university professor

V11396 I find that listening to what my child has to say helps me reach a better decision.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11397 I worry that my child is up to something I won't like.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11398 I want my child to follow my directions even if s/he disagrees with my reasons.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11399 I encourage my child to give his/her ideas and opinions even if we might disagree.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11400 I trust my child to do what I expect without my having to check up on him/her.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11401 My child often argues with me about my rules and decisions for him/her.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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V11402 I treat my child like s/he is a mature person.

never true 1	sometimes true 2	usually true 3	always true 4
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1A) I talk with my child about what courses s/he should take in school and how these courses will prepare him/her for a job.

never						a lot (at least once a month)
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

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1B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about course enrollment?

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2A) I talk with my child about future jobs s/he might have.

never						a lot (at least once a month)
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

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2B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about future jobs?

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2C) I think these talks influence my child's decisions about job plans.

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strongly disagree						strongly agree
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

VII412 3A) I talk with my child about how important it is to be able to earn enough to support him/herself and a family.

never a lot
(at least once
a month)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

3B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about this issue?

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4A) I talk with my child about what is involved in marriage and raising a family

never a lot
(at least once
a month)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about family life?

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5A) I talk with my child about the conflicts that arise between family and work responsibilities.

never a lot
(at least once
a month)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

5B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about this conflict?

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Family relationships sometimes change as children get older. We would like to know how you think your child's adolescence has affected the following relationships in your family:

How has your relationship to your child changed?

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How has your spouse's relationship to your child changed?

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How has your relationship with your spouse changed?

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Now we are interested in your attitudes and values. Please read each of the following statements and indicate how much you agree or disagree with each one. Write one number from 1 (strongly disagree with the statement) to 7 (strongly agree with the statement) on the line next to each statement.

strongly
disagree

strongly
agree

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

V11429 I would rather help others achieve their goals than achieve fame on my own.

V11430 I would rather do something at which I feel confident and relaxed than something which is challenging and difficult.

V11431 I want to do my best in my job even if this sometimes means working overtime.

V11432 If I had a great career opportunity in another location, I would expect my spouse and family to move.

V11433 If I had a great career opportunity in another location, my spouse would be happy to move.

V11434 If my spouse had a great career opportunity in another location I would be happy to move.

V11435 I feel that winning is very important.

Your child has now passed through the stage people refer to as "early adolescence." We are interested in your opinions about this time of life (the junior high school years) now that you have experienced this with your child. Use the scale below to rate each of the following.

strongly
disagree

strongly
agree

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- VII 436 Early adolescence is a difficult time of life for children and their parents.
- VII 437 The most sensible approach to early adolescence is to relax and realize that in time things will get better.
- VII 438 Early adolescents are so influenced by their friends that what adults say or do matters very little.
- VII 439 There are lots of things parents can do to make their relationship with their early adolescents a good one.
- VII 440 Changes in hormones make early adolescence a difficult period of life.
- VII 441 Young adolescents are so concerned with how they look that it is difficult for them to focus on schoolwork.
- VII 442 Junior high school teachers can have a power influence on early adolescents.
- VII 443 Changes in behavior during early adolescence are mainly due to the physical changes which are occurring.
- VII 444 Junior high schools can be very successful with early adolescents only if they make a special effort to meet the changing needs of this age group.

On the whole, how would you rate your child's early adolescence?

very
troubled

very
positive

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is your date of birth? Month VII446 Day VII447 Year VII448

VII449 Are you a 1) Female 2) Male

VII450 What is your relationship to the child in this study?
 1) Mother 4) Stepfather
 2) Father 5) Other (please specify) _____
 3) Stepmother

VII451 What is your current marital status?
 1) Married
 2) Divorced
 3) Separated
 4) Remarried
 5) Widowed
 6) Living with partner (not married)
 7) Other _____

VII452 How long has this been your marital status?
 1) less than 6 months 5) 3.1 to 5 years
 2) 6 months to a year 6) 5.1 to 10 years
 3) 1.1 to 2 years 7) 10.1 to 15 years
 4) 2.1 to 3 years 8) over 15 years

VII453 Did your parents ever get separated or divorced?
 yes no

What is the highest level of education you and your spouse/partner have received? (Check one line in each column)

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner</u>
grade school	_____	_____
some high school	_____	_____
high school graduate	_____	_____
some college or technical school	_____	_____
college graduate	_____	_____
some graduate work	_____	_____
Master's Degree	_____	_____
please specify field _____	_____	_____
Ph. D.	_____	_____
please specify field _____	_____	_____
Advanced professional degree	_____	_____
(e.g. M.D., please specify) _____	_____	_____

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V11458 What is your main occupation? _____
 /11459 (If you are not currently working for pay outside the home, list what line of
 work you most recently worked in or indicate "homemaking" if you consider
 that to be your occupation.)

Where do you work? _____

What do you do at your job? _____

V11460 How long have you had this job?

_____ 1) less than 6 months

_____ 5) 3.1 to 5 years

_____ 2) 6 months to a year

_____ 6) 5.1 to 10 years

_____ 3) 1.1 to 2 years

_____ 7) 10.1 to 15 years

_____ 4) 2.1 to 3 years

_____ 8) over 15 years

V11461 What is your spouse's main occupation? _____

V11462 (If your spouse is not currently working for pay outside the home, list what
 line of work s/he most recently worked in or indicate "homemaking" if you
 consider that to be their occupation.)

Where does your spouse work? _____

What does your spouse do at his/her job? _____

/11463 How long has your spouse had this job?

_____ 1) less than 6 months

_____ 5) 3.1 to 5 years

_____ 2) 6 months to a year

_____ 6) 5.1 to 10 years

_____ 3) 1.1 to 2 years

_____ 7) 10.1 to 15 years

_____ 4) 2.1 to 3 years

_____ 8) over 15 years

/11464 A. Are you currently in any training or educational program for job-related
 concerns?

/11465 _____ NO (GO TO B.)

_____ YES (please specify) _____

/11466 B. Is your spouse or partner currently in any training or educational
 program for job-related concerns?

/11467 _____ NO (GO TO B.)

_____ YES (please specify) _____

We'd like to ask you some questions regarding your family's current working status and whether or not there have been any changes in your family's employment picture in the past three years. Please answer these questions for yourself and for your spouse/partner, as appropriate, by putting a check in the space provided.

Are you currently working for pay?

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner</u>
Yes	_____	_____
No	_____	_____

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If yes, check the average number of hours worked each week.

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner</u>
Less than 10	_____	_____
10-20 hours	_____	_____
21-30 hours	_____	_____
31-40 hours	_____	_____
41-50 hours	_____	_____
More than 50 hours	_____	_____

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Check whether you or your spouse/partner have experienced any of the following changes in job status over the past 3 years.

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner</u>	<u>If yes, list month/year</u>	
			<u>Self</u>	<u>Partner</u>
Was fired	_____	_____	_____	_____
Took a voluntary leave of absence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Was <u>temporarily</u> laid off	_____	_____	_____	_____
Was recalled to old job	_____	_____	_____	_____
Was <u>permanently</u> laid off	_____	_____	_____	_____
Took a job requiring less skill or with less status or pay than jobs for which you were trained	_____	_____	_____	_____
Was promoted	_____	_____	_____	_____
Took a new job doing the same type of work	_____	_____	_____	_____
Took a new job doing a different type of work	_____	_____	_____	_____

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We are interested in knowing when you worked for pay outside the home at various times in your child's lifetime. Please indicate in the chart below if you worked for pay outside the home by placing check marks on any lines that apply.

	Child's Age		
	0-23 Months	2 yrs.-5 yrs.	5.1 yrs-15 yrs.
V11484 Full time	_____	_____	_____
V11485 Part time	_____	_____	_____
V11486 Unemployed	_____	_____	_____

V11487 How many years have you worked for pay outside the home at least 20 hours per week since your child was born? _____ years

V11488 How often have you had to miss work or change your work schedule to meet the needs of your child/ren?

never often

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

V11489 How often has your spouse had to miss work or change their work schedule to meet the needs of your child/ren?

never often

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Average yearly income. Check the one amount that is the closest. (Include income from all sources.)

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner</u>
None	_____	_____
Under \$10,000	_____	_____
\$10,000 - 19,999	_____	_____
\$20,000 - 29,999	_____	_____
\$30,000 - 39,999	_____	_____
\$40,000 - 49,999	_____	_____
\$50,000 - 59,999	_____	_____
\$60,000 - 69,999	_____	_____
\$70,000 - 79,999	_____	_____
Over \$80,000	_____	_____

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How hard is it for you to live on your present household income?

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very hard							not at all hard
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Comparing your present financial situation with your situation 3 years ago, would you say that your family is

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worse off			about the same			better off
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

If you have ever been divorced, answer the following questions.

If the child's other parent is still living, what is their occupation?

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V11495 _____
In what ways has your divorce affected your expectations for your child's academic performance?

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In what ways has the divorce actually affected your child's school performance?

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In what ways has your divorce affected your expectations for your child's responsibilities at home?

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In what ways has your divorce affected your advice to your child in the following areas?

1. The advice you give about the importance of being able to support oneself?

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2. The advice you give about career planning?

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3. The advice you give about planning to marry and have a family?

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If you have ever been remarried, answer the following questions.

In what ways has your remarriage affected your expectations for your child's academic performance?

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In what ways has the remarriage actually affected your child's school performance?

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In what ways has your remarriage affected your expectations for your child's responsibilities at home?

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In what ways has your remarriage affected your advice to your child in the following areas?

1. The advice you give about the importance of being able to support oneself?

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2. The advice you give about career planning?

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3. The advice you give about planning to marry and have a family?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

