



# Child-Development- Supplement

## **OTHER CAREGIVER IN THE HOME HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE**

for  
THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENT  
TO  
THE FAMILY ECONOMICS STUDY



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**HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please read each question carefully and follow any statements that appear in bold or parentheses. Circle the best answer or fill in the requested information. If you come to any question you do not want to answer, go on to the next question. Thank you for your participation in this project!

A1. First, please think about your **regular** activities outside the home last week, Monday through Sunday. Using the list below, please circle the activities you were doing last week. (**Circle all that apply**)

1. Working
2. Going to school or college
3. In a training program
4. Not working, but looking for work
5. Doing volunteer work
6. Engaged in recreational activities
7. Other (**Specify:**) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if no regular activities outside the home and GO TO A2

Please select the first two activities that you circled above. Write these activities in the space provided in the order they appear in the list and then complete the information requested in the rest of the grid. (If you circled only one then enter only that activity in the grid below.) If you work on split shifts, please fill in the beginning and ending times of each shift.

Activity #	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	How many minutes does it take to get to this activity?
ACTIVITY # _____								
Time Activity Began	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	_____ (min.)
Time Activity Ended	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	
<b>IF 2ND SHIFT:</b>								
Time Activity Began	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	_____ (min.)
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Time Activity Ended	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	
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Time Activity Ended	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	____:____	

A2. For the next questions, please answer who **usually** does each activity. Is it usually you; usually another member of your household, is the activity shared among household members, or is the activity usually done by someone else (not a member of the household)?

		You ▼	Other Household Member ▼	Shared ▼	Someone Else ▼
a.	Preparing meals . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	Washing dishes and cleaning up after meals . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Cleaning house . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	Outdoor and other household maintenance tasks	1	2	3	4
e.	Shopping for groceries . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	Washing, ironing, mending . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g.	Paying bills and keeping financial records . . . .	1	2	3	4
h.	Automobile maintenance and repair . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i.	Bathing children, changing diapers . . . . .	1	2	3	4
j.	Disciplining children . . . . .	1	2	3	4
k.	Choosing children's activities . . . . .	1	2	3	4
l.	Buying children's clothes . . . . .	1	2	3	4
m.	Driving children to activities . . . . .	1	2	3	4
n.	Selecting a pediatrician and making appointments . . . . .	1	2	3	4
o.	Selecting a child care program, preschool, or school . . . . .	1	2	3	4
p.	Playing with children . . . . .	1	2	3	4

A3 . If you had to choose, which thing on this list would you pick as the most important for a child to learn to prepare him or her for life? **(Please enter the letter on the line below.)**

Which is **most important**? \_\_\_\_\_ **(Enter letter from list, below)**

- A. To obey.
- B. To be well-liked or popular.
- C. To think for himself or herself.
- D. To work hard.
- E. To help others when they need help.

Which is second in importance? \_\_\_\_\_ **(Enter letter from list, above)**

Which comes third? \_\_\_\_\_ **(Enter letter from list, above)**

Which comes fourth? \_\_\_\_\_ **(Enter letter from list, above)**

A4. How important is it for children to learn to tolerate differences?

- 1. Very important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Not very important
- 4. Not important at all

A5. Some families have many rules and other families don't have very many rules. Please circle which kind of family you have, one with lots of rules, or not very many rules.

- 1. Lots of rules
- 2. Not very many rules

A6. Are your rules strictly enforced, or not very strictly enforced?

- 1. Strictly enforced
- 2. Not very strictly enforced

A7. Please select the number that indicates your level of agreement with the following statements.

		<b>Strongly Agree ▼</b>	<b>Agree ▼</b>	<b>Disagree ▼</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree ▼</b>
a.	There is really no way I can solve some of the problems I have .....	1	2	3	4
b.	Sometimes I feel that I'm being pushed around in life .....	1	2	3	4
c.	I have little control over the things that happen to me .....	1	2	3	4
d.	I can do just about anything I really set my mind to .....	1	2	3	4
e.	I often feel helpless in dealing with the problems of life .....	1	2	3	4
f.	What happens to me in the future mostly depends on me .....	1	2	3	4
g.	There is little I can do to change many of the important things in my life .....	1	2	3	4

A8. Listed below are statements about raising children. Thinking about your child(ren), please indicate on a scale from 1 (not at all true) to 5 (completely true) the number that best describes how true each statement is.

		<b>Not at all True ▼</b>				<b>Completely True ▼</b>
a.	Being a (parent/caregiver) is harder than I thought it would be .....	1	2	3	4	5
b.	I feel trapped by my responsibilities as a (parent/caregiver) .....	1	2	3	4	5
c.	I find that taking care of the child(ren) is much more work than pleasure .....	1	2	3	4	5
d.	I often feel tired, worn out, or exhausted from raising a family .....	1	2	3	4	5



A9. Are all of the children in this household under 3 years old?

1. Yes → **GO TO A13 on Page 7**

5. No

A10. For the next questions, please indicate how often you do the following:

	Very Often ▼	Often ▼	Sometimes ▼	Seldom ▼	Never ▼
a. Set limits on how much time your child(ren) can watch TV in a day?	1	2	3	4	5
b. Set limits on what TV programs your child(ren) watch(es)? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c. Permit TV watching during the evening meal? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d. Set limits on how late your child(ren) can stay up at night? . .	1	2	3	4	5
e. Set limits on how much candy, sweets or other snacks your child(ren) (has/have)? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
f. Try to control which children your child(ren) spend(s) time with? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
g. Try to control how your child(ren) spend(s) time after school or day care? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
h. Set a time when your child(ren) (does/do) homework? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
i. Discuss these rules with your child(ren)? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

A11. The next statements are about your beliefs about children and school. Please circle the number that best describes your feelings.

	Strongly Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Neither Agree nor Disagree ▼	Disagree ▼	Strongly Disagree ▼
a. Since parents lack special training in education, they should not question the teacher's teaching methods . . .	1	2	3	4	5
b. Children should be treated the same regardless of differences among them . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c. Children should always obey the teacher . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d. Children should be treated as friends by adults . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

A12. How important is each of the following for a child to be successful in school?

	Very Important ▼	Somewhat Important ▼	Not Very Important ▼	Not at all Important ▼
a. Natural ability . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b. Hard work . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c. Being well-liked by others . . . . .	1	2	3	4

A13. Sometimes parents do certain things to make life better for their children. Have you ever done any of the following primarily because you wanted to make life better for your child(ren)?

	Yes ▼	No ▼
a. Have you ever moved to a different neighborhood? . . . . .	1	5
b. Have you ever increased your work hours, or taken a second job?	1	5
c. Have you ever reduced your work hours, or refused extra work?	1	5

A14. Would you say that your biological, adoptive father, or father-figure was very involved, somewhat involved, not very involved, or not at all involved in raising you?

1. Very involved
2. Somewhat involved
3. Not very involved
4. Not at all involved

A15. To what extent do you use the way your father or father-figure raised you as a model for raising your own children?

1. Very much
2. Somewhat
3. Not very much
4. Not at all

A16. How often do you usually attend religious services?

1. Several times a week
2. Once a week
3. A few times a month
4. Once a month
5. Less than once a month
6. Never

A17. Apart from attending religious services, how important would you say religion is to you?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not important

A18. Please select the number that indicates your level of agreement with the following statements.

		<b>Strongly Agree ▼</b>	<b>Agree ▼</b>	<b>Disagree ▼</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree ▼</b>
a.	I feel that I'm a person of worth, at least on an equal basis with others . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	I feel that I have a number of good qualities .	1	2	3	4
c.	All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	I am able to do things as well as most other people . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	I feel I do not have much to be proud of . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	I take a positive attitude toward myself . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g.	On the whole, I am satisfied with myself . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h.	I wish I could have more respect for myself .	1	2	3	4
i.	I certainly feel useless at times . . . . .	1	2	3	4
j.	At times I think I am no good at all . . . . .	1	2	3	4

A19. Please circle the number that indicates your level of agreement with the following statements.

		Strongly Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Disagree ▼	Strongly Disagree ▼
a.	Most of the important decisions in the life of the family should be made by the man of the house	1	2	3	4
b.	If a husband and a wife both work full-time, they should share household tasks equally . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Women are much happier if they stay at home and take care of their children . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	There is some work that is men's and some that is women's and they should not be doing each other's . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	It is much better for everyone if the man earns the main living and the woman takes care of the home and family . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	It is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g.	It is usually a good idea for a couple to live together before getting married in order to find out whether they really get along . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h.	It's better for a person to get married than to go through life single . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i.	One sees so few good or happy marriages that one questions marriage as a way of life . . . . .	1	2	3	4
j.	Personal happiness is the primary goal in marriage . . . . .	1	2	3	4
k.	All in all, there are more advantages to being single than to being married . . . . .	1	2	3	4
l.	An employed mother can establish as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who is not employed . . . . .	1	2	3	4
m.	Parents should encourage just as much independence in their daughters as in their sons	1	2	3	4
n.	Preschool children are likely to suffer if their mother is employed . . . . .	1	2	3	4
o.	All in all, the benefits of being a parent just aren't worth the costs . . . . .	1	2	3	4

		Strongly Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Disagree ▼	Strongly Disagree ▼
p.	Being a father and raising children is one of the most fulfilling experiences a man can have . . . . .	1	2	3	4
q.	Mothers should not work full time if their child is younger than 5 years old . . . . .	1	2	3	4
r.	It is fine for children under 3 years of age to be cared for all day in a day care center or day care home . . . . .	1	2	3	4
s.	If children are seriously misbehaving it is best to spank them . . . . .	1	2	3	4
t.	Being a mother and raising children is one of the most fulfilling experiences a woman can have . . . . .	1	2	3	4
u.	Marriage is a lifetime relationship and should never be ended except under extreme circumstances . . . . .	1	2	3	4
v.	It is essential for the child's well being that fathers spend time interacting and playing with their children . .	1	2	3	4
w.	It is difficult for men to express tender and affectionate feelings toward children . . . . .	1	2	3	4
x.	A father should be as heavily involved in the care of his child as the mother . . . . .	1	2	3	4
y.	Fathers play a central role in the child's personality development . . . . .	1	2	3	4
z.	Fathers are able to enjoy children more when the children are older . . . . .	1	2	3	4
aa.	The way a parent treats a child in the first four years has important life-long effects . . . . .	1	2	3	4
bb.	If it keeps him from getting ahead in his job, a father is being <b>too</b> involved with his children . . . . .	1	2	3	4
cc.	In general, fathers and mothers are equally good at meeting their children's needs . . . . .	1	2	3	4

A20. During the past 30 days, how often did you...

		All of the Time ▼	Most of the Time ▼	Some of the Time ▼	A Little of the Time ▼	None of the Time ▼
a.	Feel tired out for no good reason? .	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Feel nervous? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Feel so nervous that nothing could calm you down? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Feel hopeless? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Feel restless or fidgety? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Feel so restless you could not sit still?	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Feel depressed? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Feel that everything was an effort? .	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Feel so sad nothing could cheer you up? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Feel worthless? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

A21. Most families have disagreements or arguments. How often do you and the child(ren)'s mother or primary caregiver disagree about . . .

		Often ▼	Sometimes ▼	Hardly Ever ▼	Never ▼
a.	(His/Her) completion of household chores/duties? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	How the children are raised? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Disciplining children? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	How you spend money on children? . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	How (he/she) spends money on children? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	The amount of time (he/she) spends with children? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g.	The friends the mother or primary caregiver spends time with? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h.	The mother's or primary caregiver's use of alcohol or drugs? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i.	Leisure time activities you do together? .	1	2	3	4



A22. Next are some statements about how families get along and settle arguments. Please select the number that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

		Completely Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Disagree ▼	Completely Disagree ▼
a.	We fight a lot in our family . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	Family members hardly ever lose their tempers . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Family members sometimes get so angry they throw things . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	Family members always calmly discuss problems . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	Family members often criticize each other . .	1	2	3	4
f.	Family members sometimes hit each other . .	1	2	3	4


A23. How much do you and the child(ren)'s mother or primary caregiver agree or disagree about . . .

		Completely Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Disagree ▼	Completely Disagree ▼
a.	Your job or career plans? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	The child(ren)'s mother's or primary caregiver's career plans? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Raising your children? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	Spending leisure time? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	What you will be doing 10 years from now? . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	Where you will be living 10 years from now? . . . . .	1	2	3	4

A24. Do you smoke currently?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No

A25. Do you drink alcoholic beverages?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No  **GO TO A29**

A26. Have you ever felt that you ought to cut down on your drinking?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No

A27. Have you ever felt bad or guilty about your drinking?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No

A28. Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No

A29. Does anyone else in your household drink alcoholic beverages?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No  **GO TO A31**

A30. Do you think that anyone in your household's consumption of alcohol has a negative effect on your child(ren)?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No

**A31. If there are any other comments you would like to make, please use the space below.**

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**Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your help is greatly appreciated.**

**Please give this questionnaire to your interviewer or place it in the self-stamped addressed envelope provided for you and mail to the address on the envelope.**

**Thank you again for your assistance in this important project!**



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