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One hundred twenty-two children underwent preliminary processing for the

Abecedarian study and were assigned to a treatment group. Consequent to

this, some families refused participation and some children were excluded

for biological/medical reasons. Thus, eleven children dropped before

the study officially began, but not necessarily before some data had

already been collected on them. We did not want to discard the data, but

neither did we want it ever used. A decision was made to place that data

in special files, called "courtesy" files, corresponding to each data collection point. The Preschool and School Age datasets were downloaded and placed in the following subdirectories:

K:\ABC\PRESCHOL\DATA\COURTESY

K:\ABC\SCHOLAGE\DATA\COURTESY

As time went by, additional children were dropped from the study. For

some of those subjects extensive data might have been collected. All

of them received a GROUP designation of 'ATR'(attrition). In addition,

SOME of those children had their data removed from the active files and

placed in the Courtesy files, e.g., .X, 74, 85, 95 and 952. ID=940 was

dropped after assignment to a School Age intervention group. This child's

GROUP designation became 'ATR', of course, but in addition, his/her

data were placed in Courtesy files for Years 1-3. This action of placing

some Attritions in the Courtesy files, but not all, with no clear rationale

for doing so, muddles the distinction between Courtesy children and

Attritions, if a distinction had been intended. If no distinction had

been intended, then two methods of classification are unnecessary.

At any rate, because Courtesy files had been created for Preschool and

School Age phases, they were also created for the Endpoint, Year 7 and

Year 10 analysis datasets, with the criterion for inclusion into the last three being

inclusion in any Preschool or School Age Courtesy file.

Children were dropped from the active file and included in the

courtesy files for the following reasons:

1. They were not randomly assigned to control or experimental

groups or their assignment was changed for humanitarian reasons.

IDs: 78, 82, 119, 900, 912, 922

2. They died:

IDs: X, 74

3. They were designated as biologically retarded:

IDs: 95, 124

4. ID=85 withdrew from the study

5. ID=64 was a GPS child taken into the program as a courtesy

(origin of the name). She will never appear anywhere, even

in documentation because SHE WAS NEVER PART OF THE STUDY.

6. Otherwise dropped from the study:

IDs: 940, 952

7. Among the School Age Courtesy subjects were Year 1, 2 and 3

matches

PRESCHOOL PHASE

Data was collected at birth, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months, 36 months, 42 months, 48 months,

54 months and 60 months. Below is a listing of the data contained in each dataset. Note the subdirectory COURTESY. Therein are found files which contain data for "courtesy" children. These subjects will not be used in any analyses. Refer to the documentation for who these kids are.

BIRTH12.SSD Contains data collected at birth, from Demographic

107 obs Interview, Parent Interview and maternal IQ scores

120 vars

MO3VER8.SSD Data collected at 3 months: Bayley Scales of Infant

107 obs Development, Bayley Infant Behavior Record, and 290 vars growth measurements

MO6VER9.SSD Data collected at 6 months: Bayley Scales of Infant

107 obs Development, Bayley Infant Behavior Record (IBR),

419 vars Parental Attitudes Research Inventory (PARI),

Home Obs/Stimulation and growth measurements

MO9VR8.SSD Data collected at 9 months: Bayley Scales of Infant

107 obs Development, Bayley Infant Behavior Record, and 290 vars growth measurements

MO12VER8.SSD Data collected at 12 months: Bayley Scales of Infant

107 obs Development, Bayley Infant Behavior Record, and 290 vars growthmeasurements

MO18VR11.SSD Data collected at 18 months: Bayley Scales of Infant

107 obs Development, Bayley Infant Behavior Record (IBR),

430 vars Parental Attitudes Research Inventory (PARI),

Rotter's Internality-Externality Scale, Demographic

Interview, Home Obs/Stimulation and growth measurements

MO24VER8.SSD Data collected at 24 months: Stanford-Binet, Bayley Infant

107 obs Behavior Record (IBR), Kohn and Rosman Behavior Inventory 147 vars and growth measurements

MO30VER9.SSD Data collected at 30 months: McCarthy Scales of Children's

107 obs Development (verbal section only), Demographic Interview,

83 vars Home Obs/Stimulation and growth measurements

MO36VER7.SSD Data collected at 36 months: Stanford-Binet, Kohn and 107 obs Rosman Behavior Inventory and growth measurements

113 vars

MO42VER8.SSD Data collected at 42 months: McCarthy weighted raw scores 107 obs and Scales of Children's Development, Demographic Interview 134 vars and Home Obs/Stimulation

MO48VER7.SSD Data collected at 48 months: Stanford-Binet, Kohn and 107 obs Rosman Behavior Inventory and growth measurements

127 vars

MO54VR11.SSD Data collected at 54 months: McCarthy Scales of Children's

107 obs Development, Demographic Interview and Home

134 vars Obs/Stimulation

MO54VR11.SSD Data collected at 54 months: McCarthy weighted raw scores 107 obs and Scales of Children's Development, Demographic Interview 134 vars and Home Obs/Stimulation

MO60VER9.SSD Data collected at 60 months: Wechsler Presool and Primary

107 obs Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI), Kohn and Rosman Behavior

141 vars Inventory, Stanford-Binet and growth measurements

PSANALY6.SSD Contains data from above datasets: mother' IQ scores, 107 obs growth data (birth and 3,6,9,12and 18 mos) 326 vars subscale/summary scores from :

Bayley Scales of Infant Development (3,6,9,12 and 18 months), Bayley Infant Behavior Record (3,6,9,12,18 and 24 months), WPPSI (60 mos), Home Obs/Stimulation (6,18,30,42 and 54 mos), McCarthy (30,42 and 54 mos), PARI (6 and 18 mos),

Kohn & Rosman (24,36,48 and 60 mos) and

Stanford-Binet (36,48 and 60 mos)

PSDEMO5.SSD Contains demographic data (18,30,42 and 54 mos)

107 obs

124 vars

ABCIBR.SSD Contains ALL the Bayley Infant Behavior Record ITEMS and

107 obs SUBSCALES for the times instrument was given

181 vars

BIRTHDT.SSD Contains birth dates of all the children

110 obs

2 vars

MCXANAL4.SSD Data from video-taped obs of mother-child interaction in 148 obs laboratory setting at 6, 20, 36, and 60 month