

Section Eight-

Father-Mother

Relationships

Construct:

Time With Mom Before Pregnancy

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy

Question #: 3.1

Study: EHS- 1 Month

3.1. How long did you and (MOTHER) know each other before she got pregnant?

/ (INSERT #) ____ / YEARS / (INSERT #) ____ / MONTHS

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy

Question #: 3.2

Study: EHS- 1 Month

3.2. Were you with (MOTHER) when she found out she was pregnant?

YES.....01

NO.....00

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy
Question #: 3.3
Study: EHS- 1 Month

3.3. How soon after (MOTHER) found out she was pregnant, did you learn that she was pregnant?

- WITHIN ONE WEEK.....01
- WITHIN ONE MONTH.....02
- MORE THAN A MONTH LATER.....03
- AFTER BABY WAS BORN.....04

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy
Question #: 3.1
Study: EHS- 3 Month

3.1. How long did you and (MOTHER) know each other before she got pregnant?

/ (INSERT #) / YEARS / (INSERT #) / MONTHS

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy
Question #: 3.2
Study: EHS- 3 Month

3.2. Were you with (MOTHER) when she found out she was pregnant?

- YES.....01
- NO.....00

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy
Question #: 3.3
Study: EHS- 3 Month

3.4. How soon after (MOTHER) found out she was pregnant, did you learn that she was pregnant?

- WITHIN ONE WEEK.....01
- WITHIN ONE MONTH.....02

MORE THAN A MONTH LATER.....03
 AFTER BABY WAS BORN.....04

Construct: Time w/mom before pregnancy
Question #: B1
Study: FF-F

B1. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your relationship with (BABY's MOTHER). How long did you know each other before (BABY's MOTHER) got pregnant?

/ (INSERT #) / YEARS / (INSERT #) / MONTHS

Construct:

Disagreements Concerning Child

Construct: Disagreements concerning child
Question #: 5.1
Study: EHS- 1 Month

5.1. I'm going to read you a list of issues that you and (MOTHER) may have disagreements about. For each one, please tell me if you have none, some, or a great deal of disagreement.

How much disagreement do you have about (ITEM)? Is it none, some, or a great deal of disagreement?

	NONE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
A. How (CHILD) is raised?	00	01	02
B. How you spend money on (CHILD)?	00	01	02
C. How (MOTHER) spends money on (CHILD)?	00	01	02
D. How much time you spend with (CHILD)?	00	01	02
E. Your financial contribution to (CHILD)'s support?	00	01	02

Construct: Disagreements concerning child

Question #: 5.2

Study: EHS- 1 Month

5.2. Is this a resident father/father-figure?

YES.....01

NO.....00

A. How much disagreement do you have about where (CHILD) lives?

None.....00

Some.....01

A great deal.....02

Construct: Disagreements concerning child

Question #: 4.7

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.7. I'm going to read you a list of issues that you and (MOTHER) may have disagreements about. For each one, please tell me if you have none, some, or a great deal of disagreement.

How much disagreement do you have about (ITEM)? Is it none, some, or a great deal of disagreement?

	NONE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL
A. How (CHILD) is raised?	00	01	02
B. How you spend money on (CHILD)?	00	01	02
C. How (MOTHER) spends money on child?	00	01	02
D. How much time you spend with (CHILD)?	00	01	02
E. Your financial contribution to (CHILD)'s support?	00	01	02

Construct: Disagreements concerning child

Question #: 4.8

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.8. Is this a resident father/father-figure?

YES.....01

NO.....00

A. How much disagreement do you have about where (CHILD) lives? Is it...

None.....00

Some.....01

A great deal.....02

Construct: Disagreements concerning child

Question #: D5

Study: ECLS-B, Non-Resident Father

D5. I am going to read you a list of issues that you and (CHILD)'s mother may have some disagreements about. For each one, please tell me if you have none, some, or a great deal of disagreement.

	NONE	SOME	A GREAT DEAL	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
a. How (CHILD) is raised?	1	2	3	98	99
b. How you spend money on (CHILD)?	1	2	3	98	99
c. How (CHILD)'s mother spends money on (CHILD)?	1	2	3	98	99
d. How much time you spend with (CHILD)?	1	2	3	98	99
e. Your financial contribution to (CHILD)'s support?	1	2	3	98	99
f. Where (CHILD) lives?	1	2	3	98	99

Construct:

General Disagreements

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: 5.3

Study: EHS- 1 Month

5.3. There are various ways that people deal with serious disagreements.

When you have a serious disagreement with (MOTHER), how often do you (ITEM)? Do you do this never, seldom, sometimes, very often, or always?

	NEVER	SELDOM	SOME-TIMES	VERY OFTEN	ALWAYS
A. Just keep your opinions to yourself?	01	02	03	04	05
B. Discuss your agreements calmly?	01	02	03	04	05
C. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?	01	02	03	04	05

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: 4.9

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.9. There are various ways that people deal with serious disagreements.

When you have a serious disagreement with (CHILD'S MOTHER/PRIMARY CAREGIVER), how often do you (ITEM)? Do you do this never, seldom, sometimes, very often, or always?

	NEVER	SELDOM	SOME-TIMES	VERY OFTEN	ALWAYS
A. Just keep your opinions to yourself?	01	02	03	04	05
B. Discuss your agreements calmly?	01	02	03	04	05
C. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?	01	02	03	04	05

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Rating of Relationship with Child's Mother

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: 4.16

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.16. I'm going to read you some statements about how the people who live with you get along and settle arguments. For each statement, please tell me if you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, or strongly disagree with it for your household.

(READ ITEM) Do you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, or strongly disagree with this?

	STRONGLY AGREE	MILDLY AGREE	MILDLY DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
A. We fight a lot...	04	03	02	01
B. We hardly ever lose our tempers...	04	03	02	01
C. We sometimes get so angry we throw things...	04	03	02	01
D. We often criticize one another...	04	03	02	01
E. We sometimes hit one another...	04	03	02	01

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Rating of Relationship with Child's Mother

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: D6

Study: ECLS-B, Non-Resident Father

D6. People deal with disagreements in different ways. When you have a serious disagreement with (CHILD)'s mother, how often do you:

	OFTEN	SOME-TIMES	HARDLY EVER	NEVER	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
a. Just keep your opinions to yourself?	1	2	3	4	98	99
b. Discuss your disagreements calmly?	1	2	3	4	98	99
c. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?	1	2	3	4	98	99
d. End up hitting or throwing things at each other?	1	2	3	4	98	99
e. Reach a compromise?	1	2	3	4	98	99
f. Criticize each other?	1	2	3	4	98	99

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Rating of Relationship with Child's Mother

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: Q26

Study: ECLS-B, Resident Father

Q26. Do you and your (spouse/partner) often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never have any arguments about...

(For each item, mark one response.)

	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	HARDLY EVER	NEVER
a. Chores and responsibilities?				
b. Your child(ren)?				
c. Money?				
d. Not showing love and affection?				
e. Sex?				
f. Religion?				
g. Leisure time?				
h. Drinking?				
i. Other women or men?				
j. In-laws?				

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: Q27

Study: ECLS-B, Resident Father

Q27. Couples deal with serious disagreements in different ways. When you have a serious disagreement with your (wife/partner), how often do you...

	OFTEN	SOME- TIMES	HARDLY EVER	NEVER
a. Just keep your opinions to yourself?	1	2	3	4
b. Discuss your disagreements calmly?	1	2	3	4
c. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?	1	2	3	4
d. End up hitting or throwing things at each other?	1	2	3	4

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Rating of Relationship with Child's Mother

e. Reach a compromise?	1	2	3	4
f. Criticize each other?	1	2	3	4

Construct: General disagreements

Question #: B6

Study: FF-F

B6. The following is a list of subjects on which couples often have disagreements. When you and (BABY's MOTHER) were last together, how often, if at all, did you have open disagreements about:

	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER
a. Money?	1	2	3
b. Spending time together?	1	2	3
c. Sex?	1	2	3
d. The pregnancy?	1	2	3
e. Drinking or drug use?	1	2	3
f. Being faithful?	1	2	3

Construct:

Rating of Relationship With Child's Mother

Construct: Rating of relationship with child's mother

Question #: 5.5a

Study: EHS- 1 Month

5.5a. In general, would you say your relationship with (CHILD)'s mother is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

- POOR.....01
- FAIR.....02
- GOOD.....03
- VERY GOOD.....04
- EXCELLENT.....05

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Rating of Relationship with Child's
Mother

Construct: Rating of relationship w/child's mother

Question #: D4

Study: ECLS-B, Non-Resident Father

D4. Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with (CHILD)'s mother?

We generally get along pretty well.....1

We don't get along too well.....2

We fight a lot and do not get along well.....3

We avoid seeing each other.....4

Construct: Rating of relationship w/child's mother

Question #: B13

Study: FF-F

B13. Thinking about your relationship with (BABY's MOTHER), how often would you say that:

	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. She is fair and willing to compromise when you have a disagreement?	1	2	3
b. She hits or slaps you when she is angry?	1	2	3
c. She expresses affection or love for you?	1	2	3
d. She insults or criticizes you or your ideas?	1	2	3
e. She encourages or helps you to do things that are important to you?	1	2	3

Construct:

Status of Relationship (e.g. Romantic, Friendship)

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic, friendship...)

Question #: 4.14c

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.14c. Do you consider yourself to be (MOTHER)'s spouse or partner?

- YES, SPOUSE.....01
- YES, PARTNER.....00
- NO.....00

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic, friendship...)

Question #: 4.15c

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.15c. Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Please think about how your relationship is right now.

I often feel distant from my (spouse/partner). Do you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, or strongly disagree with this?

- STRONGLY DISAGREE.....01
- MILDLY DISAGREE.....02
- DON'T KNOW.....-1
- MILDLY AGREE.....03
- STRONGLY AGREE.....04

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic/ friendship)

Question #: B3

Study: FF-F

B3. Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with (BABY's MOTHER)?

- We are romantically involved on a steady basis.....1
- We are often involved in an on-again and off-again relationship.....2
- We are just friends.....3
- We hardly ever talk to each other.....4
- We never talk to each other.....5

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic/ friendship)

Question #: B4

Study: FF-F

- B4. Why did your romantic relationship with (BABY'S MOTHER) end?
- 1- I WAS NOT IN LOVE WITH BABY'S MOTHER
 - 2- I WAS INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER WOMAN (OTHER WOMEN)
 - 3- I WAS NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
 - 4- I HAD A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
 - 5- I DID NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
 - 6- MOTHER WAS NOT IN LOVE WITH ME
 - 7- MOTHER WAS INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER MAN (OTHER MEN)
 - 8- MOTHER WAS NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
 - 9- MOTHER HAD A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
 - 10- MOTHER DID NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
 - 11- MOTHER WAS TOO HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
 - 12- OTHER (SPECIFY)

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic/ friendship)

Question #: B5

Study: FF-F

B5. I'm going to read you some things that couples often do together. Tell me which ones did you and (BABY'S MOTHER) do during the last month you were together.

	Yes	No
A. Visited with friends?	1	2
B. Went out to a movie, sporting event, or some other entertainment?	1	2
C. Ate out in a restaurant?	1	2
D. Helped each other solve a problem?	1	2

Construct: Status of relationship (e.g. Romantic/ friendship)

Question #: B8

Study: FF-F

B8. Are you and (BABY'S MOTHER) living together now?

YES.....1

NO.....2

Construct:

Past Relationship With Child's Mother/Why Relationship Ended

Construct: Past relationship with child's mother/why relationship ended

Question #: B7

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Study: FF-F

B7. Thinking about your past relationship with (BABY'S MOTHER), how often would you say that:

	Often	Sometimes	Never
A. She was fair and willing to compromise when you had a disagreement? Would you say often, sometimes, or never?	1	2	3
B. She hit or slapped you when she was angry?	1	2	3
C. She expressed affection or love for you?	1	2	3
D. She insulted or criticized you or your ideas?	1	2	3
E. She encouraged or helped you to do things that were important to you?	1	2	3

Construct:

Plans for Relationship in the Future (e.g. Marriage, Cohabitation)

Construct: Plans for relationship in the future (e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Question #: B9

Study: FF-F

B9. Do you and (BABY'S MOTHER) have plans to live together or marry in the future?

YES.....1

NO.....2

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

- A. What are the reasons you and (BABY'S MOTHER) are not planning to live together (or get married)? *(Circle all that apply.)*
1. I AM NOT IN LOVE WITH BABY'S MOTHER
 2. I AM INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER WOMAN (OTHER WOMEN)
 3. I AM NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
 4. I HAVE A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
 5. I DO NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
 6. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE
 7. MOTHER IS NOT IN LOVE WITH ME
 8. MOTHER IS INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER MAN (OTHER MEN)
 9. MOTHER IS NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
 10. MOTHER HAS A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
 11. MOTHER DOES NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
 12. MOTHER IS TOO HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
 13. MOTHER DOES NOT BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE
 14. NO PLACE TO LIVE
 15. MARRIAGE/LIVING TOGETHER SEEMS LIKE TOO BIG A RISK
 16. OTHER (SPECIFY)

- B. What are the reasons you and (BABY'S MOTHER) are not living together (or married) now?
1. I AM NOT IN LOVE WITH BABY'S MOTHER
 2. I AM INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER WOMAN (OTHER WOMEN)
 3. I AM NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
 4. I HAVE A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
 5. I DO NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
 6. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE
 7. MOTHER IS NOT IN LOVE WITH ME
 8. MOTHER IS INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER MAN (OTHER MEN)

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

9. MOTHER IS NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN (NOT MATURE ENOUGH)
10. MOTHER HAS A DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEM
11. MOTHER DOES NOT HAVE A STEADY JOB (EARN ENOUGH)
12. MOTHER IS TOO HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
13. MOTHER DOES NOT BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE
14. NO PLACE TO LIVE
15. MARRIAGE/LIVING TOGETHER SEEMS LIKE TOO BIG A RISK
16. OTHER (SPECIFY)

Construct: Plans for relationship in the future (e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Question #: B14

Study: FF-F

B14. What do you think the chances are that you will marry (BABY'S MOTHER) in the future?

- No chance.....1
- A little chance.....2
- A 50-50 chance.....3
- A pretty good chance.....4
- An almost certain chance.....5

A. What do you think the chances are that you will marry someone?

- No chance.....1
- A little chance.....2
- A 50-50 chance.....3
- A pretty good chance.....4
- An almost certain chance.....5

FATHER-MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS: Construct: Plans for Relationship in the Future
(e.g. marriage, cohabitation)

Construct:
**Mother's View of Father's
Involvement With Child**

Construct: Mother's view of father's involvement with child
Question #: B19
Study: FF-F

- B19. Does (BABY'S MOTHER) want you to be involved in raising the child (and children) in the coming year?
- YES.....1
NO.....2
DON'T KNOW.....98

Construct:
Quality of Current Relationship

Construct: Quality of current relationship
Question #: D4
Study: ECLS-B, Non-Resident Father

- D4. Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with (CHILD)'s mother?
- We generally get along pretty well.....1
We don't get along too well.....2

We fight a lot and do not get along well.....3
 We avoid seeing each other.....4

Construct: Quality of current relationship
Question #: Q24
Study: ECLS-B, Resident Father

- Q24. Would you say that your (marriage/relationship) is...
- Very happy
 - Fairly happy, or
 - Not too happy?

Construct: Quality of current relationship
Question #: Q25
Study: ECLS-B, Resident Father

Q25. About how often do you and your (spouse/partner) do the following things?
 Would you say almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less often?

	Almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Less often
a. Talk to each other about your day?				
b. Laugh together?				
c. Calmly discuss something?				
d. Work together on a project?				
e. Talk about things that interest you both?				

Construct:

Feelings About Interactions With Spouse

Construct: Feelings about interactions w/spouse

Question #: 4.15

Study: EHS- 6 Month

4.15. The next set of items are about your relationship with your spouse or partner.

Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Please think about how your relationship is right now.

(READ ITEM) Do you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, or strongly disagree with this?

	STRONGLY AGREE	MILDLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	MILDLY DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
A. My (spouse/partner) listens to me when I need someone to talk to.	04	03	-1	02	01
B. I can state my feelings without her getting defensive.	04	03	-1	02	01
C. I often feel distant from my (spouse/partner).	04	03	-1	02	01
D. My (spouse/partner) can really understand my hurts and joys.	04	03	-1	02	01
E. I feel neglected at times by my (spouse/partner).	04	03	-1	02	01
F. I sometimes feel lonely when we're together.	04	03	-1	02	01