

Overview of NSCAW Services Caseworker Instrument

Module	CAPI Section	Construct	Measure	Author/Publisher	Waves	Information Gathered
Questionnaire Introduction	QC	N/A	Project-developed introduction script	N/A	All	N/A
Up-Front Module	UP	N/A	Project-developed questions to drive instrument wording/flow and ensure data linkage	N/A	All	Caseworker name and employee ID (to link child interviews to caseworker interviews); employer, date of birth, and name and relationship of child's current caregiver
History Since Case Report	HR	Project-developed questions	N/A	N/A	2, 3, 4	Child's history with the child welfare system since the case report that resulted in the child's selection for NSCAW
Services to Parents	SP	Services to parents	Project-developed questions	N/A	All	Service needs, regardless of availability; asked for long-term foster care (LTFC) cases only at Wave 1
Services to Child	SC	Services to child	Project-developed questions	N/A	All	Services the child may have received; asked for long-term foster care (LTFC) cases only at Wave 1
Independent living	IP	Independent living skills	Project-developed questions	N/A	4	Independent living skills the child may have developed and where each skill was learned
Adoption Module	AM	Adoption possibilities for child	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3	Adoption possibilities for children in out-of-home care; also factors that encouraged or discouraged the caregiver's decision about adoption
Permanency Planning	PO	Permanency planning possibilities for child	Project-developed questions	N/A	4	Permanency planning possibilities for children in out-of-home care, including adoption, legal guardianship, and long-term foster care; also factors that encouraged or discouraged the caregiver's permanency planning decision. PO module replaced the AM module from prior waves.

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History Before Case Report	HB	Prior reports of abuse/neglect	Project-developed questions	N/A	2	Child's history with the child welfare system before the case report that resulted in the child's selection for NSCAW; administered at Wave 3 if the Wave 2 caseworker interview could not be obtained
Court Hearings	CT	Involvement with juvenile justice/court system	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3, 4	History of court hearings related to the case, including type of hearing, recommendations made by the child welfare agency, and outcome of the hearing
Living Environments	LN	Child's placement history/parental living situations	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3, 4	History of child's living situations since investigation, including type of living arrangement and child's contact with biological parents
Caseworker Involvement	IV	Caseworker involvement with child/family	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3, 4	Caseworker's individual involvement with case, including referrals made for family members, caseworker contact with siblings, number of contacts with service providers and family, and attitudes about service to family
Family Compliance and Progress	CP	Family's compliance and progress towards case plan	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3, 4	Family's progress with and adherence to case plan
Caseworker Background	CB at Wave 2 BG at Waves 3 and 4	Caseworker demographic characteristics	Project-developed questions	N/A	2, 3, 4	Demographic information about the caseworker, including employment and educational history, and attitudinal questions about work as a caseworker; completed as a self-administered paper-and-pencil questionnaire or as a module of the CAPI interview. Brief subset of items administered in subsequent waves.
Caseworker Interview Close	CW	N/A	Project-developed script to end caseworker interview	N/A	All	N/A