

CAREGIVER-PARENT PARTNERSHIP SCALE: CAREGIVER VERSION

The *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale* measures attitudes and partnership behavior regarding connections between family and child care settings. These two general assessment areas are documented separately below.

Companion Document

Parents and Providers as Partners: CAREGIVER SURVEY 1993

Administration

The *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale*, identified as *Caregivers and Parents* in the site-specific questionnaire battery, was administered at 36 months to caregivers ($n = 66$) during the common protocol child care visit. A parallel version was administered to mothers at 36 & 54 months (see documentation for *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale: Parent Version*).

Analysis Data Set

SS36MO

Raw Data Set

C36CAP

ATTITUDES

Reference

Timberlawn Research Foundation (1993). *Caregiver survey: Parents and providers as partners training program*. Unpublished questionnaire.

Description

The Attitudes items (# 1-19) on the *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale* measure attitudes and beliefs about connections between the child care and home settings. The items comprise a subset of the items on the source questionnaire. Some items are reworded in order to simplify language or to make them apply to a range of child care settings. Each of the 19 items is rated on a 5-point scale ranging from 1 = *strongly disagree* to 5 = *strongly agree*.

Factor Analysis

Principal axis factor analysis was conducted on the 36-month caregiver-report data set. Examination of the scree plot revealed one factor (elbow – 1). Items with a factor loading of .30 or greater were retained.

Scoring

Mean of items 1, -2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, -12, 13, -14, -17, 18. A higher score reflects stronger endorsement of a parent-caregiver partnership in meeting the needs of the child.

C36CPATT

$N = 66$, $M = 4.24$, $SD = 0.44$, range = 2.86-5, $\alpha = .77$

BEHAVIORS

Reference

Owen, M. T., Ware, A. M., & Barfoot, B. (2000). Caregiver-mother partnership behavior and the

quality of caregiver-child and mother-child interactions. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 15(3), 413-428.

Description

The Behaviors items (# 20-35) on the *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale* measure behaviors that contribute to the caregiver-parent partnership by forging connections between the home and child care settings. The measure includes three scales: Sharing Information, Seeking Information, and Adult Relations. Each of the 16 items is rated on a 5-point scale ranging from 1 = *highly unlikely* to 5 = *highly likely*. Higher scores indicate more frequent partnership-related behavior.

Owen et al. (2000) reported internal consistency estimates (Cronbach's coefficient alpha) for the caregiver version of the measure, for a subsample of 53 nonmaternal caregivers: Sharing Information = .88, Seeking Information = .73, Adult Relations = .80.

Scoring: Owen et al. (2000)

Sharing Information

Mean of 5 items: 22, 31, 32, 33, 35. Higher scores reflect more information sharing about the child.

C36CPSHI

$N = 66$, $M = 4.63$, $SD = 0.56$, range = 2.60-5, $\alpha = .85$

Seeking Information

Mean of 3 items: 21, 25, 30. Higher scores reflect more information-seeking regarding the child's experiences at home.

C36CPSKI

$N = 66$, $M = 4.00$, $SD = 0.85$, range = 1.00-5, $\alpha = .71$

Adult Relations

Mean of 6 items: 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29. Higher scores reflect more supportive behavior in interactions with the parent.

C36CPAR

$N = 66$, $M = 3.68$, $SD = 0.88$, range = 1.50-5, $\alpha = .81$