

## CAREGIVER-PARENT PARTNERSHIP SCALE: PARENT 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: PARENT SURVEY 1993*

### Administration

The *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale*, identified as *Parents and Caregivers* in the site-specific questionnaire battery, was administered to mothers of children who were enrolled in child care at 36 months ( $n = 110$ ) during a site-specific family lab visit, and at 54 months ( $n = 61$ ) during the common protocol lab visit. A parallel version was administered to caregivers at 36 months (see documentation for *Caregiver-Parent Partnership Scale: Caregiver Version*).

### Analysis Data Sets

36 months: SS36MO

54 months: SS54MO

### Raw Data Sets

36 months: M36PC

54 months: M54PC

## ATTITUDES

### Reference

Timberlawn Research Foundation (1993). *Parent 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 Unpublished questionnaire.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 analyses were conducted on the 36-month and 54-month mother-report data sets. Examination of the scree plots revealed one factor (elbow – 1) at 36 months, and two factors at 54 months. To simplify scoring, the 1-factor solution was chosen for score creation. Items with a factor loading of .30 or greater at either 36 months or 54 months were retained.

### Scoring

Mean of items 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, -12, 13, -14, 16, -17, 18. A higher score reflects stronger endorsement of a parent-caregiver partnership in meeting the needs of the child.

36 months = **M36CPATT**

$N = 110$ ,  $M = 4.29$ ,  $SD = 0.40$ , range = 3.14-5,  $\alpha = .76$

54 months = **M54CPATT**

$N = 61$ ,  $M = 4.33$ ,  $SD = 0.38$ , range = 3.29-4.93,  $\alpha = .78$

## 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 parent version of the measure, for a subsample of 53 mothers at 36 months: Sharing Information = .86, Seeking Information = .84, Adult Relations = .81.

### Scoring: Owen et al. (2000)

#### Sharing Information

Mean of 5 items: 21, 31, 32, 33, 35. Higher scores reflect more information sharing about the child.

36 months = **M36CPSHI**

$N = 109, M = 4.51, SD = 0.59, \text{range} = 1.80-5, \alpha = .83$

54 months = **M54CPSHI**

$N = 61, M = 4.40, SD = 0.57, \text{range} = 2.60-5, \alpha = .77$

#### Seeking Information

Mean of 3 items: 22, 25, 30. Higher scores reflect more information-seeking regarding the child's experiences in the child care setting.

36 months = **M36CPSKI**

$N = 109, M = 4.66, SD = 0.50, \text{range} = 2.33-5, \alpha = .69$

54 months = **M54CPSKI**

$N = 61, M = 4.48, SD = 0.56, \text{range} = 2.67-5, \alpha = .63$

#### Adult Relations

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

36 months = **M36CPAR**

$N = 109, M = 3.76, SD = 0.79, \text{range} = 1.50-5, \alpha = .84$

54 months = **M54CPAR**

$N = 61, M = 3.61, SD = 0.73, \text{range} = 2.00-5, \alpha = .75$