Foster Care Alumni Studies Final Production
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Introduction

In order to build on and compare to previous work, the Alumni Studies interview was largely composed of measures and items from earlier projects in child welfare, psychology, and epidemiology. For specific sources, please see the variables list available at www.casey.org/research/alumni_studies/methods.htm.

The interview was developed by the project team to assess current psychological, health, financial, and social functioning, education and employment, birth and foster family history, services received, recent stressors, and perceptions of the foster care agency staff and foster parents. Average administration time was two to two and a half hours. Interviewing was conducted by trained interviewers from the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan. A respondent booklet, containing response scales and options, was used with many questions to provide visual reference for participants.
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Before we begin, I want to remind you that this interview is completely voluntary and confidential. If we should come to any questions which you do not want to answer, just let me know and we will go on to the next question.
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT: MUST BE READ TO EVERY RESPONDENT BEFORE THE INTERVIEW IS BEGUN

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SECTION A

A0  EXACT TIME NOW: ____________________

A1  (READ SLOWLY) This interview asks about your physical and emotional well-being, about your foster care experience and childhood, and about areas of your life that could affect your physical and emotional well-being. It is important for us to get accurate information. In order to do this, you will need to think carefully before answering the questions in this interview. Are you willing to do this?

YES ............................ 1 (GO TO A2)

NO ............................... 5

A1a  When would be a better time for us to do the interview?

MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR A TIME WHEN R IS ABLE TO TAKE TIME TO GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

A2  I would like to begin the interview by getting a listing of all the people who live with you in this household. I don’t need names, just their age and relationship to you. Let’s start with you – how old are you? (Are there any other people living with you?)

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A3. Do you have any (other) biological children under the age of 18 who are not currently living with you?

YES ......................1...(Go To 3a)
NO.........................5

A3a. How old are these children?

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A4. (Let me verify,) Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

MARRIED.........................1
SEPARATED......................2
DIVORCED.......................3
WIDOWED.......................4
NEVER MARRIED...............5

A5. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT: (SEE A2, A3)

DOES R HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

YES ......................1
NO.........................5...(GO TO A7)

A6. Have any of your children ever been placed in foster care?

YES ......................1
NO.........................5
A7  INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT
IF R IS MALE ...................... 1...(GO TO A12)
IF R IS FEMALE ................... 2

A8  How many times have you been pregnant?

____________ (NUMBER OF PREGNANCIES)

A9  INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT
HAS R HAD ANY PREGNANCIES?
YES ......................... 1
NO ............................ 5……(GO TO A14)

A10 How old were you when you (first) became pregnant?

________ (AGE AT 1ST PREGNANCY)

A11 INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT
IF R IS FEMALE………..1 ……(GO TO A14)
IF R IS MALE………..  2

A12 Did you ever get anyone pregnant? (DO NOT PROBE “DON’T KNOW” ANSWER)
YES .......................... 1
NO…………………………….5…(GO TO A14)
DON’T KNOW………..8……(GO TO A14)

A13 How old were you the first time you got someone pregnant?

________ (AGE AT 1ST PREGNANCY)

A14 INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT:  (SEE A2 AND A3)
DOES R HAVE CHILD(REN) BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 17 YEARS OLD?
NOTE: CHILD CAN BE BIOLOGICAL, OR FOSTER, OR ADOPTED CHILD.
YES .......................... 1
NO…………………………….5…(GO TO A17)
Now I'd like to ask about things you and your child(ren) usually did together in the past month. These things might be done together anywhere, they don’t have to be done at home. For each please tell me if you did not do it in the past month with your child(ren), did it one or two times in the past month, about once a week, several times a week, or every day.

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<td>b  Told your child(ren) that you loved (him/her/them)?</td>
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<td>f  Told your child(ren) you appreciated something (he/she/they) did?</td>
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A17  Are you **Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino**?

YES .............................. 1

NO .............................. 5 (GO TO A18)

A17a  Are you **Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or something else**?

MEXICAN .......................................................... 1

PUERTO RICAN .................................................. 2

CUBAN ........................................................... 3

OTHER (SPECIFY) ____________________ 7

A18  (RB, P. 2) What is your race? Please choose from the list on page 2 of your booklet. PROBE (Any others?) UNTIL RESPONDENT ANSWERS “NO.”

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

WHITE .............................................................. A

BLACK, AFRICAN AMERICAN, NEGRO ........ B

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
 (SPECIFY TRIBE: ________________ ) .......... C

ASIAN INDIAN (FROM INDIA) ...................... D

JAPANESE ....................................................... E

NATIVE HAWAIIAN .......................................... F

CHINESE ......................................................... G

KOREAN ........................................................... H

GUAMANIAN OR CHAMORRO .................... I

FILIPINO .......................................................... J

VIETNAMESE ................................................... K

SAMOAN .......................................................... L

OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
 (SPECIFY: ________________ ) .............. M

OTHER RACE (SPECIFY: ________________) ... N
A19  INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT:

DOES R HAVE MORE THAN ONE RACE CIRCLED?
ONE RACE CIRCLED AT A18 ...............................1 …(GO TO A21)
MORE THAN ONE RACE CIRCLED AT A18 ...... 2

A20  (RB, P. 2) Do you consider any of these to be your primary race or ethnicity? (Which one?)

WHITE ...........................................................................1 (A)
BLACK, AFRICAN AMERICAN, NEGRO ............2 (B)
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
(SPECIFY TRIBE:________________) ..............3 (C)
ASIAN INDIAN (FROM INDIA) .....................4 (D)
JAPANESE .........................................................5 (E)
NATIVE HAWAIIAN ......................................6 (F)
CHINESE .................................................................7 (G)
KOREAN .................................................................8 (H)
GUAMANIAN OR CHAMORRO .................9 (I)
PHILIPINO ..............................................................10 (J)
VIETNAMESE ....................................................11 (K)
SAMOAN .................................................................12 (L)
OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
(SPECIFY:__________________) ....................13 (M)
OTHER RACE (SPECIFY:________________) ....14 (N)

A21  How closely do you identify with other people who are of the same (racial/ethnic) descent as yourself: very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

VERY CLOSELY ......................................................................1
SOMewhat CLOSELY ......................................................2
NOT very CLOSELY ....................................................3
NOT AT all CLOSELY ..................................................4
A22  How close do you feel in your ideas and feelings about things compared to other people of the same (racial/and/ethnic) descent: very close, somewhat close, not very close, or not at all close?

VERY CLOSE ...................................1
SOMewhat CLOSE ..............................2
NOT VERY CLOSE .............................3
NOT AT ALL CLOSE .........................4

A23  If you could choose, how much time would you like to spend with other people who are of your same (racial/and/ethnic) group: a lot of the time, some, a little, or none of the time?

A LOT OF THE TIME ......................1
SOME ................................................2
A LITTLE ..........................................3
NONE ................................................4

A24  How important do you think it is for people who are from your (racial/and/ethnic) group to marry other people who are also from this group: very important, somewhat, not very, or not at all important?

VERY IMPORTANT ........................1
SOMewhat IMPORTANT ............2
NOT VERY IMPORTANT ...............3
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT............4

A25  On a scale from one to five, where one is do not fit in, and five fit in well, to what extent do you feel like you fit into groups of people from only your own (ethnicity/ethnicities)?  You may choose any number between one and five.

DO NOT FIT IN ..............................1
..................................................2
..................................................3
..................................................4
FIT IN WELL .................................5
A26 INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT: (SEE A 18)

ONLY WHITE (A) CIRCLED AT A18.................1...(GO TO A28)
ALL OTHERS.................................................2

A27 Using the same scale, where one is do not fit in, and five is fit in well, to what extent do you feel like you fit into an only white group of people?

DO NOT FIT IN ............................................1
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FIT IN WELL ...........................................5

A28 How often do you usually attend religious services – more than once a week, about once a week, 1 to 3 times a month, less than once a month, or never?

MORE THAN ONCE/WEEK .......................1
ABOUT ONCE/WEEK................................2
1-3 TIMES/MONTH.................................3
LESS THAN ONCE/MONTH....................4
NEVER .................................................5

A29 When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek spiritual comfort – almost always, often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

ALMOST ALWAYS ......................1
OFTEN ...........................................2
SOMETIMES ......................................3
RARELY ..........................................4
NEVER ...........................................5

A30 Now I would like to ask you some questions about your education. Did you receive a high school diploma or GED? (Which one did you receive?)

HS DIPLOMA..... 1
GED ...................... 2
NEITHER ........... 3
A31 What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed?

GRADE SCHOOL (ENTER # YRS): ____ … (GO TO A32)
HIGH SCHOOL ............................................ 09…(GO TO A32)
HIGH SCHOOL ............................................ 10…(GO TO A32)
HIGH SCHOOL ............................................ 11…(GO TO A32)
HIGH SCHOOL ............................................ 12…(GO TO A32)
COLLEGE .................................................... 13…(GO TO A32)
COLLEGE .................................................... 14
COLLEGE .................................................... 15
COLLEGE .................................................... 16
POST COLLEGE .......................................... 17+
DON’T KNOW ............................................. 98

A31a. What is the highest degree you have earned?

ASSOCIATES DEGREE .............. 1
BA/BS ............................................... 2
MA/MS ............................................ 3
PHD ................................................. 4
MD/DO ............................................. 5
OTHER (SPECIFY):
______________________________ 7
A32 Are you currently enrolled in school – either regular school or some other educational program such as a GED class or vocational training or college?

YES ..........................1
NO ...........................5  (GO TO A33)

A32a Are you enrolled in regular school, a GED class, a trade or technical school, college, or something else?

REG SCHOOL...........................1
GED.................................2
TRADE, TECH........................3... (GO TO A33a)
COLLEGE..............................4
OTHER (SPECIFY)
______________________________7

A33 Have you ever attended a vocational or technical school?

YES ..........................1
NO ...........................5  (GO TO A34)

A33a Did you receive a degree from a vocational or technical school?

YES ..........................1
NO ...........................5  (GO TO A34)

A33b What degree did you receive?

HIGH SCHOOL....................1
ASSOCIATES......................2
OTHER (SPECIFY)
______________________________7

A34 While you were in school, were you ever enrolled in enrichment classes for advanced or gifted students?

YES ..........................1
NO ...........................5
A35 Were you ever enrolled in any other type of special education classes for students needing extra help?
YES........................1
NO ..........................5

A36 Did you ever repeat a grade in school?
YES ............................1
NO .............................5

A37 How many different elementary schools did you attend?
__________ NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A38 How many different junior high or middle schools did you attend?
__________ NUMBER OF JUNIOR HIGH OR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

A39 How many different high schools did you attend?
__________ NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS

A40 Were you ever legally adopted?
YES ..................1
NO ...................5...(GO TO SECTION B)

A40a How old were you (when you were adopted)?
__________ YEARS OLD

A41 Did you ever stop living with your adoptive parents because of some difficulties?
YES ..........................1
NO ............................5