

FORM **SPD-18009**
(12-29-97)

OMB No. 0607-0838: Approval Expires 12/31/98

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

SURVEY OF PROGRAM DYNAMICS

ADOLESCENT

QUESTION BOOKLET

FOR PARENTS

The first questions are about family routines.

- 1.** How many times a week do you usually eat dinner together as a family?
- 2.** During the school year, how many times a week do you usually get your home work done on time?
- 3.** During the school year, how often are you usually late for school?
- 4.** During the school year, how often are you usually late for a class?
- 5.** Next, I will read a list of jobs some people do at home. After I read a job, please mark in the answer booklet, how often you do that job. The first job is cleaning the house. How often do you clean the house: never, once a month, once every two weeks, once a week, several times a week, or everyday?
- 6.** How often do you do the dishes or load and empty the dishwasher?
- 7.** How often do you fix family meals?
- 8.** How often do you do the laundry?
- 9.** How often do you take care of your brothers or sisters?
- 10.** Now, I will read a series of statements about how you feel about your responsibilities at home. Please mark how strongly you disagree or agree with each statement.

I feel I have too many responsibilities at home for someone my age.

- 11.** I feel I do more than my share of chores in my family.
- 12.** I have not been doing well in school because of my responsibilities at home.
- 13.** The next two questions are about welfare rules in your state for teenagers age 17 or younger. Can a teenager who has had a baby get her own apartment without any adult supervision?
- 14.** In order to receive welfare, is there a rule requiring a teenager who has had a baby to attend school?

- 15.** Please mark one box that best describes the mother you live with.
- 16.** Thinking about the woman you marked in question 15 above, please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements about her.

I think highly of her.

- 17.** She is a person that I respect.
- 18.** I really enjoy spending time with her.
- 19.** I can count on her to keep her promises.
- 20.** Thinking about the mother you live with, please mark the box that indicates how often she did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did she:

Help you with things that are important to you?

- 21.** Blame you for her problems?
- 22.** Spend time just talking with you?
- 23.** Show that she really cares about you?
- 24.** Please mark one box that best describes the father you live with.
- 25.** Thinking about the man you marked in question 24 above, please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements about him.

I think highly of him.

- 26.** He is a person that I respect.
- 27.** I really enjoy spending time with him.
- 28.** I can count on him to keep his promises.
- 29.** Thinking about the father you live with, please mark the box that indicates how often he did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did he:

Help you with things that are important to you?

- 30.** Blame you for his problems?

- 31.** Spend time just talking with you?
- 32.** Show that he really cares about you?
- 33.** Now we have a few questions about your parents or parent that you live with. How much do your parents/parent know about your close friends?
- 34.** How much do your parents or parent know about your close friends' parents?
- 35.** How much do your parents or parent know about WHERE you are when you are not home?
- 36.** How much do your parents or parent know about WHO you are with when you are not at home?
- 37.** How much do your parents or parent know about WHAT you are doing when THEY are not at home?
- 38.** During the school year, how much do your parents or parent know about who your teachers are?
- 39.** During the school year, how much do your parents or parent know about what you are doing in school?
- 40.** Now we are going to name some things parents often set limits about. Thinking only about the parents or parent that you live with, who sets the limits on how late you stay out at night?
- 41.** How often have you broken the limits about how late you stay out at night?
- 42.** Who sets the limits on what kinds of TV shows and movies you watch?
- 43.** How often have you broken the limits about what kinds of TV shows and movies you watch?
- 44.** Who sets the limits on who you can hang out with?
- 45.** How often have you broken the limits about who you can hang out with?
- 46.** The next few questions are about dating.
At what age, if at all, did you have your first date or begin going out?
- 47.** About how often do you go out with someone or date?
- 48.** Are you now going out with one particular person, going out with mainly one person but others as well, or going out with several people?

49. How old is the person you are currently going out with or mainly going out with?
50. How many years of school has this person completed?
51. During the past school year, was the person you are going out with, or mainly going out with, a full-time student, a part-time student, or not in school?

52. During the past school year, was the person you are going out with, or mainly going out with, working full time, working part time, or not working at all?

The next few questions ask about sexual relations you may have had.

These questions are asked only if respondent is 14 years old or older.

53. Have you ever had sexual intercourse, that is, made love, had sex, or gone all the way?

54. (Only ask if respondent said "no" in question 53)

What are your reasons for not having sex at this time? You can choose more than one answer.

55. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
56. How old was your first sexual partner at that time?
57. At the time you first had sexual intercourse, how would you describe your relationship with your partner?
58. About how much education did your first sexual partner have at that time?
59. At that time, was your first sexual partner a full-time student, a part-time student, or not in school?
60. At that time, was your first sexual partner working full time, working part time, or not working at all?
61. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?
62. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?
63. The next few questions ask about the last time you had sexual intercourse.
64. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you/your partner use a condom?
65. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use any other method to prevent pregnancy?
66. What method did you or your partner use? Please choose all that apply.

- 67.** The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you drink alcohol or use drugs beforehand?
- 68.** The last time you had sexual intercourse, would you say that you wanted to become pregnant or get the other person pregnant?
- 69.** How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?
- 70.** Are you pregnant now, or is someone pregnant with your child now?
- 71.** How many children have you ever given birth to or fathered? Please count only live births and do not count current pregnancy.
- 72.** The next few questions are about things young people sometimes do.
In the past year, how many times did you runaway from home for at least one night?
- 73.** How many times in the past year have you purposely damaged or destroyed property that did not belong to you?
- 74.** How many times in the past year have you stolen something that was worth less than \$50?
- 75.** How many times in the past year have you gotten into a physical fight with someone, other than a brother or sister, either started by you or by someone else?
- 76.** The next few questions ask about cigarette smoking and the use of tobacco.
Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?
- 77.** How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?
- 78.** Have you ever smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, at least 1 cigarette a day for 30 days?
- 79.** During the past 30 days, how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
- 80.** The next few questions ask about drinking alcohol.
Have you ever had a drink of alcohol including beer, wine, or hard liquor, other than just a few sips?
- 81.** How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than just a few sips?
- 82.** During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least 1 drink of alcohol?
- 83.** During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least 5 drinks of alcohol?

84. The next few questions ask about the use of marijuana and other drugs.

Have you ever tried marijuana?

85. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?

86. During the past 30 days, how many days did you use marijuana?

87. Have you ever tried any other type of illegal drug, such as cocaine, crack, LSD, PCP, ecstasy, mushrooms, speed, crystal meth, ice, heroin, or pills without a doctor's prescription?

88. What was the youngest age at which you tried any of these for the first time?

89. During the past 30 days, how many days did you use one or more of these drugs?

90. Do either of your biological parents, or adoptive parents live outside of your home?

91. Thinking about your outside parent, please tell me how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements.

I think highly of my outside parent.

92. My outside parent is a person that I respect.

93. I really enjoy spending time with my outside parent.

94. I can count on my outside parent to keep promises.

95. Thinking about your outside parent, please tell me how often your outside parent did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did your outside parent?

Help you with things that are important to you?

96. Blame you for his or her problems?

97. Spend time just taking to you?

98. Show that he or she really cares about you?

99. In what month and year did you last have contact of any kind including letters, phone calls, or face to face contact with your outside parent?

100. How often do you talk to your parent who lives outside your home on the phone?

- 101.** How often do you get a card or letter from your outside parent?
- 102.** How often do you see your outside parent?
- 103.** How often do you stay overnight with your outside parent?
- 104.** Next, I will read some sentences about school. After I read a sentence, please mark the box to indicate whether the statement is not at all true, not very true, sort of true, or very true for you during the last school year. If you are not in school, mark the box labeled "does not apply."
- "I work very hard on my schoolwork."
- 105.** "I don't try very hard in school."
- 106.** "I pay attention in class."
- 107.** "I come to class unprepared."
- 108.** How important is it to you to do the best you can in school?