THE PARENT-REPORT MULTIDIMENSIONAL NEGLECTFUL BEHAVIOR SCALE∗

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

NOTE: As of this writing the survey using this instrument with a community sample of parents is still in progress. Consequently, the only purposes are to make available the version of the Multidimensional Neglectful Behavior Scale being used in that survey (Forms PA, PAS, PB, PBS) -- and to provide an outline of a planned paper reporting the results and normative data.

MULTIDIMENSIONAL NEGLECTFUL BEHAVIOR SCALE – FORMS PA, PAS, PB, PBS

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This document gives the scales as used in a New England community survey of neglect, Winter-Spring 2003

FORM For use with parents of children age:
PA 5-15
PAS 5-15 (Short Form)
PB 0-4 years 11 months
PBS 0-4 years 11 months (Short Form)

MULTIDIMENSIONAL NEGLECTFUL BEHAVIOR SCALE--FORM PA
For parents of children age 5-15

Now I am going to ask questions about some of the ways that parents and children interact. Please tell me if (in the last 6 months) this was like your situation with NAME.

First, watched your child playing.

Please tell me if in the last six months this happened with NAME. Would you say it:

1) Never happened
2) Sometimes happened
3) Frequently happened
4) Always happened
ITEMS THAT HAVE “_O” ARE TO BE ASKED OF FAMILIES WHERE THE REFERENT CHILD IS 10-15 YEARS OLD INSTEAD OF THE LIKE-NUMBERED ITEM (EG. E3 IS ASKED ABOUT CHILDREN 9 YEARS AND UNDER, AND E3_O IS ASKED ABOUT CHILDREN 10-15 YEARS). OTHERWISE, ALL ITEMS ARE TO BE ASKED FOR ALL ELIGIBLE REFERENT CHILDREN.

E1  1. Watched your child playing
E2  2. Made your child feel better when he/she was sad
E3  3. Hung your child’s drawings in the home
E3_O  4. Hung your child’s schoolwork in the home
E4  5. Told your child you loved him/her
E5  6. Did fun things with your child
E6  7. Cooked your child’s favorite foods
E7  8. Were too busy to answer your child when he/she asked questions
E8  9. Praised your child
E9  10. Let your child know when he/she did something right

C1  11. Showed interest in your child’s activities or hobbies
C2  12. Met or talked with your child’s teachers at school
C3  13. Sat down and talked with your child
C4  14. Brought your child to museums and other interesting places
C5  15. Read books with your child
C6  16. Helped your child with his/her schoolwork
C7  17. Talked with your child about what he/she was learning in school
C8  18. Helped your child when he/she was having trouble understanding something

S5  19. Weren’t sure there was someone to take care of or check on your child when you weren’t home
S1  20. Didn’t know where your child was playing when s/he was outdoors
S1_O  21. Knew where your child was going after school
S2  22. Left your child in the car alone
S2_O  23. Called your child from work to check up him/her
S3  24. Left your child places where you weren’t sure he/she was really safe
S6  25. Didn’t care if your child got in trouble at school
S4  26. Made sure your child went to school in the morning
S8  27. Didn’t know what your child was doing when he/she was not at home
S8_O  28. Cared if your child did things wrong like steal
S7  29. Knew the friends your child was with
S9  30. Did not leave your child home alone

P1  31. Made sure that your child took a bath or shower
P2  32. Kept your house clean
P3  33. Made sure your child wore clothes to keep him/her warm or dry
P5  34. Wasn’t able to take your child to the doctor when he/she was really sick
P6  35. Took your child to the doctor for check-ups
P7  36. Made sure that your child brushed his/her teeth everyday
P8  37. Took your child to the dentist for check-ups
P9  38. Didn’t have enough food in the house for the child
P10  39. Encouraged your child to eat vegetables, fruit, and milk
P11  40. Let your child fill up on candy, chips, and soda
P12 41. Didn’t have a house, apartment, or trailer to live in
P13 42. When it was cold outside, the house is warm enough
P14 43. Your child didn’t have his/her own bed to sleep in at night

Ab1 44. Didn’t have help to take care of your child when you needed to go out
Ab2 45. Left your child some place and did not come back

F1 46. Adults in the house hit each other or threw things & your child might have heard it
F2 47. Adults in the house hit each other or threw things & your child might have seen it
F3 48. Didn’t stop someone in the house from hurting your child

Al1 49. Got drunk (high) and couldn’t take care of your child
Al2 50. Let your child drink beer or alcohol

MULTIDIMENSIONAL NEGLECTFUL BEHAVIOR SCALE--SHORT FORM PAS
For parents of children age 5-15

Now I am going to ask questions about some of the ways that parents and children interact. Please tell me if (in the last 6 months) this was like your situation with NAME?

First, Hung your child’s drawings in the home

Please tell me if in the last six months this happened with NAME. Would you say it:

1. Never happened
2. Sometimes happened
3. Frequently happened
4. Always happened

E3 1. Hung your child’s drawings in the home
E3_O 2. Hung your child’s schoolwork in the home
E4 3. Told your child you loved him/her

C1 4. Showed interest in your child’s activities or hobbies
C6 5. Helped your child with his/her schoolwork

S2 6. Left your child in the car alone
S2_O 7. Called your child from work to check up him/her
S4 8. Made sure your child went to school in the morning

P6 9. Took your child to the doctor for check-ups
P9 10. Didn’t have enough food in the house for the child
P13 11. When it was cold outside, the house is warm enough

Ab1 12. Didn’t have help to take care of your child when you needed to go out

F1 13. Adults in the house hit each other or threw things & your child might have heard it
F3 14. Didn’t stop someone in the house from hurting your child

A12 15. Let your child drink beer or alcohol

MULTIDIMENSIONAL NEGLECTFUL BEHAVIOR SCALE – FORM PB
For parents of children age 0 to 4 years 11 months

Now I am going to ask questions about some of the ways that parents and children interact. Please tell me if (in the last 6 months) this was like your situation with NAME.

First, watched your child playing.

Please tell me if in the last six months this happened with NAME. Would you say it:

1. Never happened
2. Sometimes happened
3. Frequently happened
4. Always happened

E1 1. Watched your child playing.
E2i 2. Made your child feel better when s/he was sad or upset.
E4i 3. Talked to your child when s/he babbled, tried to talk, or talked to you.
E5 4. Did fun things with your child.
E6i 5. Provided your child’s favorite foods.
E7i 6. Caressed or kissed your child.
E8 7. Praised your child.
E9 8. Let your child know when s/he did something right.

C1i 9. Showed interest in your child’s activities or play.
C3i 10. Held, or sat down and talked with your child.
C4i 11. Brought your child to different or interesting places.
C5 12. Read books with your child.
C7i 13. Helped child learn to talk, or learn new words, by pointing and naming objects or body parts (eyes, nose).
C8i 14. Gave your child toys to help him (her) learn new skills.

S2i 15. Left your child in the car alone for just a short period of time.
S3 16. Left your child places where you weren’t sure he or she was really safe.
S4i 17. Can always hear your child when s/he cries and you are out of the room.
S6i 18. Distract your child when s/he tries to do something that could be unsafe (pull on electric plug; touch stove).
S7i 19. Felt comfortable with the person that you left your child with.
S9 20. Didn’t leave your child at home alone.

P1i 21. Made sure that your child got a bath nearly every day.
P2 22. Kept your house clean.
P3i 23. Made sure your child wore clothes that kept him/her warm or dry.
P5 24. Wasn’t able to take your child to the doctor when he/she was really sick.
Now I am going to ask questions about some of the ways that parents and children interact. Please tell me if (in the last 6 months) this was like your situation with NAME?

First, watched your child playing.

Please tell me if in the last six months this happened with NAME. Would you say it:

1. Never happened
2. Sometimes happened
3. Frequently happened
4. Always happened

E7i. Caressed or kissed your child.
E5 Did fun things with your child.
C1i Showed interest in your child’s activities or play.
C3i Held or sat down and talked with your child.
S2i Left your child in the car alone for just a short period of time
S3 Left your child places where you weren’t sure he or she was really safe.
S4i Can always hear your child when s/he cries and you are out of the room.
P6 Took your child to the doctor for check-ups.
P9 Didn’t have enough food in the house for the child.
P13 When it was cold outside, the house was warm enough.
Ab1 Didn’t have help to take care of your child when you needed to go out
F1 Adults in the house hit each other or threw things & your child might have heard it
F3 Didn’t stop someone in the house from hurting your child

A12i Gave your child sips of alcohol or beer when s/he was fussy.

NOTE Item Order: The items are listed here grouped by scale. However, for administering the scales, they were arranged in random order. The random order arrangement is given at the end.

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