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Self-Administered Questionnaire for Father (SAQF)



Québec Longitudinal Study of Child Development (QLSCD – E7) - Round 2004

This questionnaire must be filled out by the child's father (child AGED ABOUT 6 YEARS OLD)

Thank you for your cooperation which is so essential to the success of this study. It is important to answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. There are no right or wrong answers.

If you have any questions or require additional information concerning this study, please contact Direction Santé Québec of Institut de la statistique du Québec (toll-free) 1 877 677-2087 or (514) 873-4749.

This questionnaire will remain strictly anonymous and confidential.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE BY YOURSELF WITHOUT CONSULTING THE MOTHER OF YOUR CHILD and as soon as possible. Make sure to seal the enclosed envelope, before sending it by mail.

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Instructions

You will find that there are several possible answers to the following questions. Unless otherwise indicated, we ask you to choose only one answer for each question. As there are no right or wrong answers, the idea is to choose the answer best suited to your personal situation. Please consider the instructions following your choice (ex.: **Go to Q...**).

Here are a few sample questions and answers to illustrate what we mean.

Example 1

In the past 12 months, how often would you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...	Never or not true	Sometimes or Somewhat true	Often or very true	Not applicable
2. ... could not sit still, was restless or hyperactive?	1	2	3	
4. ... tried to help someone who was hurt?	1	2	3	7

Example 2

In the past 12 months, how often did you...	Never	About once a month or less	About once per two weeks	About once a week	A few times a week	One or two times a day	Many times each day
65. ... and your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) talk or play with each other, focusing attention on each other for five minutes or more, just for fun?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



Let's begin...

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First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

Section 1

About your child's (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) behaviour...

1. What is your relationship with the child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)?

- You are his/her biological father1
You are the current spouse or partner of the child's mother but **not** his/her biological father2
You are someone else (that is, grandfather, uncle, legal guardian, etc.).....3

We would like to ask you some questions about how your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) has been feeling or acting **in the past 12 months**.

By circling the number corresponding to the following answers...

- 1 → Never or not true
2 → Sometimes or somewhat true
3 → Often or very true

Indicate the statement which in your opinion best describes your child's behaviour.

It is possible that some of the following may not apply to your particular situation. On such cases, please circle "7" (not applicable).

In the past 12 months, how often would you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...	Never or not true	Sometimes or Somewhat true	Often or very true	Not applicable
2. ...could not sit still, was restless or hyperactive?	1	2	3	
3. ... damaged or broke his/her own things?	1	2	3	
4. ... tried to help someone who has been hurt?	1	2	3	7
5. ... was shy with children he/she didn't know?	1	2	3	
6. ... stole things?	1	2	3	
7. ... was defiant or refused to comply with adults' requests or rules?	1	2	3	
8. ... seemed to be unhappy or sad?	1	2	3	
9. ... bragged about accomplishments?	1	2	3	
10. ... got into fights?	1	2	3	
11. ... showed little interest for activities involving other children?	1	2	3	
12. ... encouraged other children to pick on a particular child?	1	2	3	
13. ... was easily distracted, had trouble sticking to any activity?	1	2	3	

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First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

In the past 12 months, how often would you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...	Never or not true	Sometimes or Somewhat true	Often or very true	Not applicable
14. ... used or conned others?	1	2	3	
15. ... was made fun by other children?	1	2	3	
16. ... when mad at someone, tried to get others to dislike that person?	1	2	3	
17. ... didn't seem to feel guilty after misbehaving?	1	2	3	
18. ... preferred to play alone rather than with other children?	1	2	3	
19. ... was preoccupied by the loss or that something could happen to one of his/her parents?	1	2	3	
20. ... engaged in risky or dangerous activities?	1	2	3	
21. ... was not as happy as other children?	1	2	3	
22. ... readily approached children he/she didn't know?	1	2	3	
23. ... damaged or broke things belonging to others?	1	2	3	
24. ... reacted in an aggressive manner when teased? (For example, hit, push or slap another child.)	1	2	3	
In the past 12 months, how often you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...				
25. ... couldn't stop fidgeting?	1	2	3	
26. ... was hit or pushed by other children?	1	2	3	
27. ... was not feeling well, for example, had stomach aches, headaches, nausea, when separated from his/her parents?	1	2	3	
28. ... was unable to concentrate, could not pay attention for long?	1	2	3	
29. ... was too fearful or anxious?	1	2	3	
30. ... tried to dominate other children?	1	2	3	
31. ... was unable to wait when someone promised him/her something?	1	2	3	
32. ... was unconcerned about the feelings of others?	1	2	3	
33. ... when mad at someone, became friends with another as revenge?	1	2	3	
34. ... punishment didn't change his/her behaviour?	1	2	3	
35. ... took a long time to warm up to children he/she didn't know?	1	2	3	
36. ... was impulsive, acted without thinking?	1	2	3	
37. ... had no energy, was feeling tired?	1	2	3	
38. ... told lies or cheated?	1	2	3	

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First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

In the past 12 months, how often would you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...	Never or not true	Sometimes or Somewhat true	Often or very true	Not applicable
39. ... had temper tantrums or hot temper	1	2	3	
40. ... reacted in an aggressive manner when contradicted? (For example, hit, push or slap another child.)	1	2	3	
41. ... was worried?	1	2	3	
42. ... scared other children to get what he/she wanted?	1	2	3	
43. ... had difficulty waiting for his/her turn in games?	1	2	3	
44. ... when somebody accidentally hurt him/her (such as by bumping into him/her) he/she reacted with anger and fighting?	1	2	3	
45. ... tended to do things on his/her own, was rather solitary?	1	2	3	
46. ... did not keep promises?	1	2	3	
47. ... when mad at someone, said bad things behind the other's back?	1	2	3	
48. ... physically attacked people?	1	2	3	
In the past 12 months, how often you say that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...				
49. ... comforted a child (friend, brother or sister) who was crying or upset?	1	2	3	7
50. ... cried a lot?	1	2	3	
51. ... committed any acts of vandalism?	1	2	3	
52. ... clung to adults or was too dependent?	1	2	3	
53. ... was called names by other children?	1	2	3	
54. ... sought the company of other children?	1	2	3	
55. ... couldn't settle down to do anything for more than a few moments?	1	2	3	
56. ... was nervous, highstrung or tense?	1	2	3	
57. ... hit, bit, or kicked other children?	1	2	3	
58. ... reacted in an aggressive manner when something was taken away from him/her? (For example, hit, push or slap another child.)	1	2	3	
59. ... didn't want to sleep alone?	1	2	3	7
60. ... was inattentive?	1	2	3	
61. ... had trouble enjoying him/herself?	1	2	3	
62. ... helped other children (friends, brother or sister) who were feeling sick?	1	2	3	7
63. ... showed emotions that seemed shallow?	1	2	3	
64. ... got very upset when separated from his/her parents?	1	2	3	

First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

Section 2

About contacts with your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...

The following questions have to do with things that your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) may have done **in the past 12 months** and ways that you reacted to him/her.

For each question, circle the following answer...

- 1 → Never
- 2 → About once a month or less
- 3 → About once per two weeks
- 4 → About once a week
- 5 → A few times a week
- 6 → One or two times a day
- 7 → Many times each day

Which best describes how often you acted in the manner described.

In the past 12 months, how often did you...	Never	About once a month or less	About once per two weeks	About once a week	A few times a week	One or two times a day	Many times each day
65. ... and your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) talk or play with each other, focusing attention on each other for five minutes or more, just for fun?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
66. ... play fight with him/her for fun?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
67. ... grab firmly or shake your child when he/she was difficult?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
68. ... say to your child that you were proud of him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
69. ... get angry with your child for saying or doing something he/she was not supposed to?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
70. ... help your child doing tasks that were difficult for him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
71. ... do something special with him/her that he/she enjoys?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
72. ... play sports activities, hobbies, or play games with him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
73. ... hit your child when he/she was difficult?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
74. ... comfort your child when he/she was sad?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

We know that when parents spend time with their children, sometimes things go well, sometimes they don't. Circle the number which best describes what happened in the following types of situations:

- 1 → Never
 2 → Less than half the time
 3 → About half the time
 4 → More than half the time
 5 → All the time

Indicate what proportion of the time things turned out in different ways, in the past 12 months...

In the past 12 months...	Never	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	All the time	Not applicable
75. ... of all the times that you've talked to your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) about his/her behaviour, what proportion was praise?	1	2	3	4	5	
76. ... how often did you tell him/her exactly what to do in a situation that was new for him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	
77. ... when you gave him/her a command or order to do something, what portion of the time did you make sure that your child did it?	1	2	3	4	5	
78. ... if you have told your child he/she would get punished if he/she did not stop doing something, and he/she kept doing it, how often did you punish him/her? (For example, even after you told your child that he/she would be punished, he/she went on hitting another child.)	1	2	3	4	5	7
79. ... when he/she hesitated in the presence of children or adults he/she didn't know, how often did you insist that he/she stops being embarrassed?	1	2	3	4	5	7
80. ... how often did he/she get away with things that you felt should have been punished?	1	2	3	4	5	7
81. ... how often did you get angry when you were punishing your child?	1	2	3	4	5	7
82. ... in situations that made him/her uneasy, how often did you insist that he/she "go ahead" or stop being scared?	1	2	3	4	5	7
83. ... how often was he/she able to get out of a punishment when he/she really had set his/her mind to it?	1	2	3	4	5	7

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First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

In the past 12 months...	Never	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	All the time	Not applicable
84. ... when you had disciplined him/her, how often did he/she ignore the punishment?	1	2	3	4	5	7
85. ... when you were playing with your child, how often did you tell him/her exactly what to do?	1	2	3	4	5	
86. ... how often did you have to discipline him/her repeatedly for the same thing?	1	2	3	4	5	
87. ... how often did you decide for your child which sports, hobbies or games he/she would do?	1	2	3	4	5	

Just about all children break rules or do things they are not supposed to. Parents react in different ways. For each statement, circle the following number which best describes how often you acted with your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) in the way described:

- 1 → Never
 2 → Rarely
 3 → Sometimes
 4 → Often
 5 → Always

In the past 12 months, when your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) broke the rules or did things that he/she was not supposed to, how often did you...	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	Not applicable
88. ... ignore it, do nothing?	1	2	3	4	5	7
89. ... raise your voice, scold or yell at him/her?	1	2	3	4	5	7
90. ... calmly discuss the problem?	1	2	3	4	5	7
91. ... use physical punishment?	1	2	3	4	5	7
92. ... describe alternative ways of behaving that are acceptable?	1	2	3	4	5	7
93. ... take away privileges or put him/her in his/her room?	1	2	3	4	5	7

94. If there is a parenting decision to be made (e.g. rules to be set, child misbehaving, school decisions), how often do you and your spouse/partner agree on what to do?

♣ Circle only one answer

- Never..... 1
 Less than half the time 2
 About half the time 3
 More than half the time..... 4
 All the time..... 5
 Not applicable..... 7

First name - (child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS))

We would like now to ask you some questions about your child's (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) environment ...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
95. ... In the past 12 months , how often did he/she saw television shows or movies that have a lot of violence in them?	1	2	3	4
96. ... In the past 12 months , how often did he/she saw adults or teenagers in your house physically fighting, hitting or otherwise trying to hurt others?	1	2	3	4

	All	Most	About half	Only a few	None
97. ... How many of his/her close friends do you know by sight and by first and last name?	1	2	3	4	5

Section 3

About activities...

The next few questions are about the time your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) spends with you, including times when others are present.

♣ Circle only one answer per statement

How many days a week do you and your child...	Every day	Days per week			Days per month	Rarely or never
		5 to 6	3 to 4	1 to 2	1 to 2	
98. ... eat together?	1	2	3	4	5	6
99. ... play sports together?	1	2	3	4	5	6
100. ... play cards or games together?	1	2	3	4	5	6
101. ... talk about things together?	1	2	3	4	5	6
102. ... do a project or chores together?	1	2	3	4	5	6
103. ... go on a outing together?	1	2	3	4	5	6

Section 4

Concerning your contacts with the school of your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) . . .

104. During THIS school year, have you done any of the following:

♣ Please circle only one answer per statement

	Yes	No
a. Spoken to, visited or corresponded with the child's teacher	1	2
b. Visited the child's class	1	2
c. Attended a school event in which your child participated, for example a play, a sports competition or a science fair	1	2
d. Volunteered in the child's class or helped with a class trip	1	2
e. Helped elsewhere in the school, such as library or computer room	1	2
f. Attended a meeting at the school (parent meeting, Governing Board, parent committee)	1	2
g. Fund-raising	1	2
h. Other activities	1	2
i. No activities	1	2

Section 5

About your conjugal situation . . .

105. Which of the following best describes your current conjugal situation?

♣ Circle only one answer

I live with the child's (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) biological mother and I am the biological father..... 1

I am the spouse/partner of the child's (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) biological mother and we live together 2

I live with a spouse/partner who isn't my child's biological mother 3

I have a spouse/partner who isn't my child's biological mother but we don't live together 4

I don't live with my child's biological mother and I don't have a spouse/partner presently 5 ► Go to Q. 114

Other 6



Specify: _____

Most persons have disagreements in their relationships. Please indicate below the approximate extent of agreement or disagreement between you and your spouse/partner for each item on the following list.

106. Demonstration of affection?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- Always agree1
Almost always agree2
Occasionally agree3
Frequently disagree.....4
Almost always disagree5
Always disagree.....6

107. How often do you discuss or have you considered divorce, separation, or terminating your relationship?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- All the time1
Most of the time.....2
More often than not3
Occasionally4
Rarely5
Never.....6

108. In general, how often do you think that things between you and your spouse/partner are going well?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- All the time1
Most of the time.....2
More often than not3
Occasionally4
Rarely5
Never.....6

109. Do you confide in your mate?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- All the time1
Most of the time.....2
More often than not3
Occasionally4
Rarely5
Never.....6

110. Do you ever regret that you married (or lived together) or that you are in this relationship?

♣ Circle only one answer

- All the time 1
Most of the time.....2
More often than not.....3
Occasionally4
Rarely5
Never.....6

How often would you say the following events occur between you and your mate?

111. ... calmly discuss something?

♣ Circle only one answer

- Never.....1
Less than once a month2
Once or twice a month.....3
Once or twice a week.....4
Once a day5
More often6

112. ... work together on a project or common activity?

♣ Circle only one answer

- Never.....1
Less than once a month2
Once or twice a month.....3
Once or twice a week.....4
Once a day5
More often6

113. The numbers below correspond to the different degrees of happiness in your couple relationship. Number 4, "Happy", corresponds to the level of happiness found in most relationships. Circle the number that corresponds best to your relationship.

1
Extremely
unhappy

2
Quite
unhappy

3
A little
unhappy

4
Happy

5
Very
happy

6
Extremely
happy

7
Perfectly
happy

Section 6

About the pace of your day-to-day life . . .

114. For each statement, please circle the number that best describes how you felt in general **during the past 12 months?**
♣ Circle only one answers to each statement

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. I felt that I had to rush to get everything done each day	1	2	3	4	5
b. By the time supper time arrived, I was physically exhausted	1	2	3	4	5
c. I felt that I had enough time for myself	1	2	3	4	5

Section 7

About the people around you . . .

115. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

- Most people can be trusted..... 1
- We can't be too careful in dealing with people 2
- Don't know..... 8

We would like to know what are the occupations of the people in your family, among your friends and acquaintances.

By “acquaintance” we do not mean the salesperson you come across in a shop, for example. We mean somebody with whom you would share small talk if you saw him/her and whom you know by name.

Here is a list of different occupations that people can have. Is anyone or several members of your family, your friends, or acquaintances who is a ...?

♣ For each of the following job or occupation, please circle ALL applicable answers.

Employment/Function	Family	Friend	Acquaintance	No
116. Physician	1	2	3	0
117. Cook	1	2	3	0
118. Engineer	1	2	3	0
119. High ranking public servant	1	2	3	0
120. Construction worker	1	2	3	0
121. Company executive	1	2	3	0
122. Manager	1	2	3	0
123. Teacher	1	2	3	0
124. Real-estate agent	1	2	3	0
125. Union executive	1	2	3	0
126. Lawyer	1	2	3	0
127. Mechanic	1	2	3	0
128. Accountant	1	2	3	0
129. Scientist	1	2	3	0
130. Politician (municipal, provincial or federal)	1	2	3	0
131. Musician/artist/writer	1	2	3	0
132. IT worker	1	2	3	0
133. Police officer	1	2	3	0
134. Secretary	1	2	3	0
135. Insurance agent	1	2	3	0
136. Foreman/woman	1	2	3	0
137. Nurse	1	2	3	0
138. Farmer	1	2	3	0
139. Truck driver	1	2	3	0
140. Postman	1	2	3	0
141. Heavy equipment operator	1	2	3	0
142. Salesperson	1	2	3	0
143. Labor	1	2	3	0
144. Cleaning person	1	2	3	0
145. Hairdresser	1	2	3	0

Dear respondent...

If you are not living with **THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER** of your child of **ABOUT 6 YEARS**, please **FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION** (beginning at question 146).

If, however, you are living with **THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER** of your child (of **ABOUT 6 YEARS**) please go directly to the **LAST PAGE** of the questionnaire to share your comments with us, if any.

- * **ATTENTION ►** If the biological mother of your child (of **ABOUT 6 YEARS**) is deceased, please **GO DIRECTLY TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO SHARE YOUR COMMENTS WITH US, IF ANY.**

First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

Section 8

About your relationship with the biological mother and the contact with your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)...

The following questions refer to the contact you have with your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) and your relationship with his/her biological mother who does not live with you, either because you never lived with her or because you are separated or divorced.

146. If you have separated from the biological mother of your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS) **since our last interview a year ago**, how would you describe the emotional atmosphere surrounding this separation?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- Good 1
Fairly 2
Bad..... 3
Very bad 4
I have been separated for more than a year 5
I never maintained an ongoing relationship
with the biological mother 6

147. Are you still in touch with the biological mother of your child?

♣ **Circle "1" for Yes or "2" for No**

- Yes 1
No 2 ► **Go to Q. 149**

148. How would you describe the **current** situation between you and the biological mother of your child?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

- Good 1
Fairly good 2
Bad 3
Very bad 4

First name - Child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)

149. How satisfied/unsatisfied are you with the frequency of the contact you have (telephone calls, visits or custody arrangements) with your child?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

Very satisfied 1
Somewhat satisfied 2
Somewhat unsatisfied 3
Very unsatisfied 4

150. How satisfied/unsatisfied are you with the quality of your relationship with your child (of ABOUT 6 YEARS)?

♣ **Circle only one answer**

Very satisfied 1
Somewhat satisfied 2
Somewhat unsatisfied 3
Very unsatisfied 4

Your comments

Kindly indicate your comments in the space below. Your feedback is appreciated.

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Place the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid return envelope and seal it to guarantee confidentiality. Please, forward by mail as soon as possible.

Our most sincere thanks for your cooperation!