NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF CHILDREN IN IRELAND (NLSCI)
3-YEAR QUESTIONNAIRE
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
SECONDARY CAREGIVER QUESTIONNAIRE

INTERVIEWER NAME ______________________
INTERVIEWER NO: ______________________

Time Section Started ______ (24 hour clock) DATE:___dd___mm___yy

All the information you and your family provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be released in any way which would allow the information you provide to be identified with you or your family. If however, we are told something which might suggest that a child or other vulnerable person is at risk we may have to act on it.

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INT: IS RESPONDENT MALE OR FEMALE?  
Male ..........................  □,  Female............... □

X1. What is your date of birth?  ___ / ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___
DD       MM       YYYY

Section A - Introduction

[ASK A1 IF NON RESPONDENT AT TIME 1 OR NEW RESPONDENT AT TIME 2]

A1. [Card A1] Can you please tell me which of the following best describes your relationship to <child>?
[Interviewer use codes only]

1. Biological mother/ father ........................................... □
2. Adoptive mother/ father ........................................... □
3. Step-mother / Step-father / Partner of child’s parent . □
4. Foster mother / father ............................................. □
5. Grand parent .......................................................... □
6. Aunt/uncle .............................................................. □
7. Other relative/ in law .............................................. □
8. Unrelated guardian ................................................. □

Section B - Parental Health

Now I’d like to ask you a few questions about your own health.

B1. [Card B1] In general, how would you say your current health is?

Excellent........... □
Very good........... □
Good .................. □
Fair .................... □
Poor................... □
B2. Do you have any on-going chronic physical or mental health problem, illness or disability?

Yes □ No □

B3. What is the nature of this problem, illness or disability? Please describe as fully as possible.
[Int. please record diagnosis – not symptoms of the problem.]

B4. Since when have you had this problem, illness or disability? ________ (year) _____(month)

B5. Are you hampered in your daily activities by this problem, illness or disability?

Yes, severely □ Yes, to some extent □ No □

**Section C – Parenting and Family Context**

I’d now like to ask you some general questions about parenting.

C1. [Card C1] I am going to read out some statements about the relationship between you and <child>. Please listen to each statement and describe the degree to which each of the following statements currently applies.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Definitely applies</th>
<th>Definitely does not apply</th>
<th>Applies somewhat</th>
<th>Neutral not sure</th>
<th>Not really</th>
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<td>a. I share an affectionate, warm relationship with my child.</td>
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<td>b. My child and I always seem to be struggling with each other.</td>
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<td>c. If upset, my child will seek comfort from me.</td>
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<td>d. My child is uncomfortable with physical affection or touch from me.</td>
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<td>e. My child values his/her relationship with me.</td>
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<td>f. When I praise child he/she beams with pride.</td>
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<td>g. My child spontaneously shares information about his/herself.</td>
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<td>h. My child easily becomes angry at me.</td>
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<td>i. It is easy to be in tune with what my child is feeling.</td>
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<td>j. My child remains angry or resistant after being disciplined.</td>
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<td>k. Dealing with my child drains my energy.</td>
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<td>l. When my child is in a bad mood I know we’re in for a long and difficult day.</td>
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<td>m. My child’s feelings toward me can be unpredictable or change suddenly.</td>
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<td>n. My child is sneaky or manipulative with me.</td>
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<td>o. My child openly shares his/her feelings and experiences with me.</td>
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C2. [Card C2] The next questions are about being a parent. There are no right or wrong answers, we are just asking about what happens in your family.

Thinking about <child> over the last six months, how often did you...? (Tick one box per row only)

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<th>Never / Almost never</th>
<th>Rarely</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Often</th>
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<td>a. Hug or hold this child for no particular reason</td>
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<td>b. Tell this child how happy he/she makes you</td>
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<td>c. Have warm, close times together with this child</td>
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<td>d. Enjoy listening to this child and doing things with him/her</td>
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<td>e. Feel close to this child both when he/she was happy and</td>
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<td>when he/she was upset</td>
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<td>f. Express affection by hugging, kissing and holding this child</td>
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C3. [Card C3] When parents spend time with their children, sometimes things go well and sometimes they don’t. How often does the following happen...? (Tick one box per row only)

(a) Of all the times you talk to this child about his/her behaviour, how often is this praise .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(b) Of all the times you talk to this child about his/her behaviour, how often is this disapproval .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(c) When you give this child an instruction or request to do something, how often do you make sure that he/she does it ......... 1 2 3 4 5
(d) If you tell this child he/she will get punished if he/she doesn’t stop doing something, but he/she keeps doing it, how often will you punish him/her .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(e) How often does this child get away with things that you feel should have been punished .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(f) How often are you angry when you punish this child ................ 1 2 3 4 5
(g) How often do you feel you are having problems managing this child in general .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(h) How often is this child able to get out of punishment when he/she really sets his/her mind to it .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(i) When you discipline this child, how often does he/she ignore the punishment .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(j) How often do you tell this child that he/she is bad or not as good as others .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
(k) How often do you think that the level of punishment you give this child depends on your mood .................................................. 1 2 3 4 5

C4. [Card C4] If you are currently working outside the home, can I ask you the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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<th>Strongly Disagree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Strongly Agree</th>
<th>N/A</th>
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Now some questions about the circumstances of your household.

D1. [Card D1] Looking at Card D1, which of these descriptions BEST describes your usual situation in regard to work?

[Int: If respondent is on maternity leave and she has a job which she intends to return to, she should be coded as 0]

0. Currently on maternity leave, but have a job to return to .................................................. 1
1. Employee (incl. apprenticeship or Community Employment) .................................................. 1
2. Self employed outside farming .................................................. 1
3. Farmer.................................................. 1
4. Student full-time .................................................. 1
5. On State training scheme (FAS, Failte Ireland etc.) .................................................. 1
6. Unemployed, actively looking for a job .................................................. 1
7. Long-term sickness or disability .................................................. 1
8. Home duties / looking after home or family .................................................. 1
9. Retired .................................................. 1
10. Other (specify) .................................................. 1

D: SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

Time Section Started _______ _______ _______ (24 hour clock)
D2a. When did you return to work? ______ mth ________ year

D3. How many hours do you normally work per week, including any regular overtime work? If you work at more than one job, please include the hours in all jobs. ____________ hours

D4. On a typical work day, how much time in total do you spend commuting to and from work (outward and return journey combined)? ________ minutes [Int. if respondent works at home enter ‘0’ for minutes]

D5. What is your occupation in your main job?
In all cases describe the occupation fully and precisely giving the full job title.

Use precise terms such as:

- RETAIL STORE MANAGER
- SECONDARY TEACHER
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Do not use general terms such as:

- MANAGER
- TEACHER
- ENGINEER

Civil servants and local government employees should state their grade e.g. SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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Clergy and religious orders should give full description e.g. NUN, REGISTERED GENERAL NURSE.

Write in your main OCCUPATION
______________________________________________________________________________

D6. Do you supervise or manage any personnel in your job?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

D7. How many? ______________________________

D8. How many employees (if any) do you have? ________ employees N A .... [ ]

D9. [Ask only if Farmer at D1.] How many acres do you farm? ______________ acres

D10. Apart from holiday or casual work, have you ever had a full-time job? Yes [ ] No [ ] Go to D15

D11. In what year did you last work in that full-time job? ________ year

D12. When you last worked in that full-time job were you?

Employee (incl. apprenticeship or Community Employment) [ ] Self-employed outside farming [ ] Farmer [ ]

D13. What was your occupation in that job? (What did you mainly do in your job?) Please describe as fully as possible

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Write in your main OCCUPATION
______________________________________________________________________________

D14. [Ask only if Farmer at D12] How many acres did you farm? ______________ acres

D15. Do you currently have a part time job outside the home? Yes [ ] No [ ] Go to D18

D16. On average, how many hours per week do you work in that part-time job? ____________ hours
D17. [Card D17] What is your occupation in that job?
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Write in your main OCCUPATION
______________________________________________________________________________
If a farmer or a farm worker, write in the SIZE of the farm ________ acres

D18. [Card D18] From the reasons listed on this card could you tell me the most important reasons for you not working in a paid job outside the home? If more than one reason, please rank them in order of importance, where 1 is the most important reason, up to a maximum of 3.

a. I can’t find a job ..........................................................____
    b. I chose not to work .....................................................____
    c. I am caring for an elderly or ill relative or friend ..........____
    d. I prefer be at home to look after my children myself ..____
    e. I cannot earn enough to pay for childcare .................____
    f. I cannot find suitable childcare ...............................____
    g. There are no suitable jobs available for me ..........____
    h. My family would lose Social Welfare or medical benefits if I was earning .....................____
    i. Other reason (please specify) .................................____

E: ABOUT YOU

Now some more questions about yourself

E1. [Card E1] What is the highest level of education (full-time or part-time) which you have completed to date?

1. No formal education ..................................................[F] 1
2. Primary education .....................................................[F] 2

Second Level
3. Lower Secondary ...................................................[F] 3
4. Upper Secondary ..................................................[F] 4
   (Leaving Certificate (including Applied and Vocational Programmes), ‘A’ Levels, NCVA Level 1 Certificate or equivalent).
5. Technical or Vocational qualification ..........................[F] 5
   (Completed Apprenticeship, NCVA Level 2/3 Certificate, Post-Leaving Certificate Course/FETAC Level 5, Teagasc Certificate/Diploma or equivalent).
6. Both Upper Secondary and Technical or Vocational qualification ..........................................[F] 6

Third Level
7. Non Degree ...........................................................[F] 7
   (National Certificate, Diploma NCEA/Institute of Technology or equivalent, Nursing Diploma.)
8. Primary Degree ......................................................[F] 8
   (Third Level Bachelor Degree)
9. Professional qualification (of Degree status at least) .................................................................[F] 9
10. Both a Degree and a Professional qualification .........[F] 10
11. Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma ..........................[F] 11
12. Postgraduate Degree (Masters) .................................[F] 12
13. Doctorate (Ph.D) ....................................................[F] 13

E2. At what age did you leave full-time education for the first time? ______ years
[INTERVIEWER: Code as ‘0’ if respondent never undertook full-time education]

[BLAISE CONDITION: ASK E3 –E5 OF THOSE WHO INDICATED LITERACY WAS A PROBLEM AT TIME 1, NON-RESPONDENT AT TIME 1 OR NEW RESPONDENT AT TIME 2]

E3. Many people have problems with reading. Can I just check, can you read aloud to a child from a children’s story book written in your native language?

Yes .....................[F] 1
No ......................[F] 2
E4. Can I just check, can you read aloud to a child from a children’s story book written in English?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

E5. Can you usually read and fill out forms you might have to deal with in English?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

[BLAISE CONDITION: ASK E6 OF THOSE WHO INDICATED NUMERACY WAS A PROBLEM AT TIME 1, NON-RESPONDENT AT TIME 1 OR NEW RESPONDENT AT TIME 2]

E6. When you buy things in shops with a five or ten euro note, can you usually tell if you have the right change?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

E7. Do you belong to any religion?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

E8. [Card E8] Which religion?

Christian – no denomination ........................................... 1
Roman Catholic ............................................................. 2
Anglican/Church of Ireland/Episcopalian ......................... 3
Other Protestant ................................................................ 4
Jewish ............................................................................. 5
Muslim ............................................................................ 6
Other (please specify) ..................................................... 7

E9. Are you a citizen of Ireland?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

E10. What citizenship do you hold?
____________________________________

E11. Were you born in Ireland?
Yes ........................................... 1
No .............................................. 2

E12. In which country were you born?
____________________________________

E13. How long ago did you first come to live in Ireland?

Within the last year ........................................... 1
1-5 years ago ....................................................... 2
6-10 years ago ..................................................... 3
11-20 years ago ................................................... 4
More than 20 years ago ......................................... 5
Don’t Know ................................................................... 6

E14. [Card E14] What is your ethnic or cultural background?
Please choose ONE section from 1 to 4 then tick the appropriate box.

1. White
Irish ............................................................................. 1
Irish Traveller .............................................................. 2
Any other White background ....................................... 3

2. Black or Black Irish
African ......................................................................... 1
Any other Black background ....................................... 2

3. Asian or Asian Irish
Chinese ......................................................................... 1
Any other Asian background ....................................... 2

4. Other, including mixed background ......................... 3