

## Overview of the Infant & Toddler Version of the Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire-R2

The Infant & Toddler Version (ITV) can be used to interview caregivers about children from birth up until age 2. The ITV focuses on items, such as physical assault, that are still relevant to very young children. It omits items, such as property crimes and emotional victimizations, which may not have the same meaning for infants as for older children.

This packet provides the “screener” version of these items. A “screener” asks respondents whether they (or, in the caregiver version, their child) had experienced a particular type of youth victimization (such as robbery or kidnapping). In the full JVQ-R2, when respondents say a victimization has occurred, follow-up questions collect incident details. In the ITV, these follow-ups are omitted.

National norms for this age group are available in NatSCEV 1, the first nationally representative study to assess victimization in children under the age of 2:

Finkelhor, D., Turner, H., Ormrod, R., & Hamby, S. (2009). Violence, abuse and crime exposure in a national sample of children and youth. *Pediatrics*, *124*(5), 1411-1423.

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There is no fee for the use of the JVQ-R2 in research or clinical practice, but we do require that all users properly acknowledge the source of the items. Suggested citation: Finkelhor, D., Hamby, S., Turner, H., & Ormrod, R. (2011). *The Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire: 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision (JVQ-R2)*. Durham, NH: Crimes Against Children Research Center.

## Item Descriptions for the JVQ-R2 included in the Infant & Toddler Version

Note: Item labels (Assault with Weapon, etc.) are not part of the questionnaire to be administered to respondents, but are for interpretation only. This description uses the youth self-report, lifetime referent version, but the constructs are the same for all versions. The item designations (C4, etc) are from the full JVQ-R2.

Now we are going to ask you about some things that might have happened in your life.

### **Module A: CONVENTIONAL CRIME**

#### C4) Assault with Weapon

Sometimes people are attacked with sticks, rocks, guns, knives, or other things that would hurt. At any time in your life, did anyone hit or attack you on purpose with an object or weapon? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

#### C5) Assault without Weapon

At any time in your life, did anyone hit or attack you without using an object or weapon?

#### C6) Attempted Assault

At any time in your life, did someone start to attack you, but for some reason, it didn't happen? For example, someone helped you or you got away?

#### C8) Kidnapping

When a person is kidnapped, it means they were made to go somewhere, like into a car, by someone who they thought might hurt them. At any time in your life, did anyone try to kidnap you?

### **Module B: CHILD MALTREATMENT**

Next, we are going to ask about grown-ups who take care of you. This means parents, babysitters, adults who live with you, or others who watch you. Before we begin, I want to remind you that your answers will be kept totally private. If there is a particular question that you don't want to answer, that's O.K. But it is important that you be as honest as you can, so that [the researchers/we] can get a better idea of the kinds of things that kids your age sometimes face.

#### M1) Physical Abuse by Caregiver

Not including spanking on your bottom, at any time in your life, did a grown-up in your life hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way?

M3) Neglect

When someone is neglected, it means that the grown-ups in their life didn't take care of them the way they should. They might not get them enough food, take them to the doctor when they are sick, or make sure they have a safe place to stay. At any time in your life, were you neglected?

M4) Custodial Interference/Family Abduction

Sometimes a family fights over where a child should live. At any time in your life, did a parent take, keep, or hide you to stop you from being with another parent?

**Module C: PEER AND SIBLING VICTIMIZATION**P2) Peer or Sibling Assault

(If yes to P1, say: "Other than what you just told me about....") At any time in your life, did any kid, even a brother or sister, hit you? Somewhere like: at home, at school, out playing, in a store, or anywhere else?

**Module D: SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION**S1) Sexual Assault by Known Adult

At any time in your life, did a grown-up you know touch your private parts when they shouldn't have or make you touch their private parts? Or did a grown-up you know force you to have sex?

S2) Sexual Assault by Unknown Adult

At any time in your life, did a grown-up you did not know touch your private parts when they shouldn't have, make you touch their private parts or force you to have sex?

S3) Sexual Assault by Peer/Sibling

Now think about other kids, like from school, a boy friend or girl friend, or even a brother or sister. At any time in your life, did another child or teen make you do sexual things?

S4) Forced Sex (Including attempts)

At any time in your life, did anyone try to force you to have sex; that is, sexual intercourse of any kind, even if it didn't happen?

**Module E: WITNESSING AND INDIRECT VICTIMIZATION**W1) Witness to Domestic Violence

At any time in your life, did you SEE a parent get pushed, slapped, hit, punched, or beat up by another parent, or their boyfriend or girlfriend?

W2) Witness to Parent Assault of Sibling

At any time in your life, did you SEE a parent hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt your brothers or sisters, not including a spanking on the bottom?

W3) Witness to Assault with Weapon

At any time in your life, in real life, did you SEE anyone get attacked on purpose WITH a stick, rock, gun, knife, or other thing that would hurt? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

W4) Witness to Assault without Weapon

At any time in your life, in real life, did you SEE anyone get attacked or hit on purpose WITHOUT using a stick, rock, gun, knife, or something that would hurt?

W5) Burglary of Family Household

At any time in your life, did anyone steal some thing from your house that belongs to your family or someone you live with? Things like a TV, stereo, car, or anything else?

W6) Murder of Family Member or Friend

At any time in your life, was anyone close to you murdered, like a friend, neighbor or someone in your family?

W8) Exposure to Random Shootings, Terrorism, or Riots

At any time in your life, were you in any place in real life where you could see or hear people being shot, bombs going off, or street riots?

W9) Exposure to War or Ethnic Conflict

At any time in your life, were you in the middle of a war where you could hear real fighting with guns or bombs?

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

NOTE: Supplemental items are not included in the forms, but can be added when more detail is desired about certain types of victimizations.

### **MODULE G: EXPOSURE TO FAMILY VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

*[Note: This module was included in NatSCEV I, Waves 1 and 2, and NatSCEV II]*

The next set of questions are about people who have taken care of (your child/you) – that would include (your child's/your) parents, stepparents, and (his/her/your) parents' boyfriends or girlfriends, whether (your child/you) lived with them or not. It would also include other grown-

ups, like grandparents or foster parents if they took care of (your child/you) on a regular basis. When we say “parent” in these next questions, we mean any of these people.

EF1) Parent Verbally Threatened

At any time in your life, did one of your parents threaten to hurt another parent and it seemed they might really get hurt?

EF2) Parental Displaced Aggression

At any time in your life, did one of your parents, because of an argument, break or ruin anything belonging to another parent, punch the wall, or throw something?

EF3) Parent Pushed

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get pushed by another parent?

EF4) Parent Hit or Slapped

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get hit or slapped by another parent?

EF5) Parent Severely Physically Assaulted

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get kicked, choked, or beat up by another parent?

EF6) Other Family Violence Exposure

Now we want to ask you about fights between any grown-ups and teens, not just between your parents. At any time in your life, did any grown-up or teen who lives with you push, hit, or beat up someone else who lives with you, like a parent, brother, grandparent, or other relative?

**OTHER SEVERE ASSAULTS**

*[Note: A1 and A2 were asked in NatSCEV I, Wave 2, and NatSCEV II]*

A1) Assault by Adult

Other than times you have already told me about, did any *grown-up* ever hit or attack you?

A2) Assault with Injury

Other than times you have already told me about, were you ever hurt because someone hit or attacked you on purpose?

**MODULE F: EXPOSURE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE**

*[Note: This module was included in NatSCEV I, Wave 1 only]*

ECV1) Exposure to Sexual Assault

At any time in your life, did you know about anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was forced to have sex, or touched in their private parts when they didn't want it?

ECV2) Exposure to Robbery

At any time in your life, did you know about anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was robbed or mugged?

ECV3) Exposure to Threatened Assault with Weapon

At any time in your life, did you know anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was threatened with a gun or knife?

### **SUPPLEMENTAL NEGLECT ITEMS**

*[Note: These items are new to NatSCEV II]*

M5) Neglect from Parental Incapacitation

Was there a time in your life that you often had to look after yourself because a parent drank too much alcohol, took drugs, or wouldn't get out of bed?

M6) Neglect from Parental Absence

Was there a time in your life when you often had to go looking for a parent because the parent left you alone, or with brothers and sisters, and you didn't know where the parent was?

M7) Neglect from Inappropriate Adults in Home

Was there a time in your life when your parents often have had people over at the house who you were afraid to be around?

M8) Neglect from Unsafe Environment

Was there a time in your life when you lived in a home that was broken down, unsafe, or unhealthy. For example, it had broken stairs, toilets or sinks that didn't work, trash piled up, and things like that?

M9) Neglect from Lack of Hygiene Supervision

Was there a time in your life when your parents did not care if you were clean, wore clean clothes, or brushed your teeth and hair?

## JVQ-R2, Infant & Toddler Version, Caregiver Lifetime Form

Now we are going to ask you about some things that might have happened in your child's life.

1) Sometimes people are attacked with sticks, rocks, guns, knives, or other things that would hurt. At any time in your child's life, did anyone hit or attack your child on purpose with an object or weapon? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

2) At any time in your child's life, did anyone hit or attack your child without using an object or weapon?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

3) At any time in your child's life, did someone start to attack your child, but for some reason, it didn't happen? For example, someone helped your child or your child got away?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

4) At any time in your child's life, did anyone try to kidnap your child?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Next, we are going to ask about grown-ups who take care of your child. This means parents, babysitters, adults who live with your child, or others who watch your child. Before we begin, I want to remind you that your answers will be kept totally private. If there is a particular question that you don't want to answer, that's O.K. But it is important that you be as honest as you can, so that we can get a better idea of the kinds of things that kids your child's age sometimes face.

5) Not including spanking on your child's bottom, at any time in your child's life, did a grown-up in your child's life hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt your child in any way?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

6) When someone is neglected, it means that the grown-ups in their life didn't take care of them the way they should. They might not get them enough food, take them to the doctor when they are sick, or make sure they have a safe place to stay. At any time in your child's life, was your child neglected?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

7) Sometimes a family fights over where a child should live. At any time in your child's life, did a parent take, keep, or hide your child to stop your child from being with another parent?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

8) At any time in your child's life, did any kid, even a brother or sister, hit your child?  
Somewhere like: at home, at school, out playing, in a store, or anywhere else?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

9) At any time in your child's life, did a grown-up your child knows touch your child's private parts when they shouldn't have or make your child touch their private parts? Or did a grown-up your child knows force your child to have sex?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

10) At any time in your child's life, did a grown-up your child did not know touch your child's private parts when they shouldn't have, make your child touch their private parts or force your child to have sex?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

11) Now think about other kids, like from school, a boy friend or girl friend, or even a brother or sister. At any time in your child's life, did another child or teen make your child do sexual things?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

12) At any time in your child's life, did anyone try to force your child to have sex; that is, sexual intercourse of any kind, even if it didn't happen?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

13) At any time in your child's life, did your child SEE a parent get pushed, slapped, hit, punched, or beat up by another parent, or their boyfriend or girlfriend?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

14) At any time in your child's life, did your child SEE a parent hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt his or her brothers or sisters, not including a spanking on the bottom?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

15) At any time in your child's life, in real life, did your child SEE anyone get attacked on purpose WITH a stick, rock, gun, knife, or other thing that would hurt? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No



16) At any time in your child's life, in real life, did your child SEE anyone get attacked or hit on purpose WITHOUT using a stick, rock, gun, knife, or something that would hurt?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

17) At any time in your child's life, did anyone steal some thing from your child's house that belongs to your child's family or someone your child lives with? Things like a TV, stereo, car, or anything else?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

18) At any time in your child's life, was anyone close to your child murdered, like a friend, neighbor or someone in your child's family?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

19) At any time in your child's life, was your child in any place in real life where your child could see or hear people being shot, bombs going off, or street riots?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

20) At any time in your child's life, was your child in the middle of a war where your child could hear real fighting with guns or bombs?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No