

Family Connectedness

Definition

Family connectedness refers to relationships between children and their families. Children thrive when they feel they belong in their family and feel affection, importance, and support within the family. Strong parent-child relationships are related to positive youth development and function as protective factors against risky behaviors (Irving, 2013).

Special Notes

It should be kept in mind that this instrument is used to view the child's *perception* of their family connectedness and should be considered with caution. If questionable information arises from this instrument, the distributor should take proper steps to investigate.

Items 11-15 are reverse scored, such that 1=4, 2=3, 3=2, and 4=1.

Related Indicator

- Parental Involvement

Brief Family Relationship Scale

Please read each statement carefully, and circle your answer based on how much you agree or disagree by using the following scale from:

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Agree; 4 = Strongly Agree

1.	In our family we really help and support each other.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
2.	In our family we spend a lot of time doing things together at home.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
3.	In our family we work hard at what we do in our home.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
4.	In our family there is a feeling of togetherness.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
5.	My family members really support each other.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
6.	I am proud to be a part of our family.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
7.	In our family we really get along well with each other.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
8.	In our family we can talk openly in our home.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
9.	In our family we sometimes tell each other about our personal problems.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
10.	In our family we begin discussions easily.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
Items 11-15 are reverse coded					
11.	In our family we argue a lot.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
12.	In our family we are really mad at each other a lot.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
13.	In our family we lose our tempers a lot.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
14.	My family members sometimes are violent.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
15.	In our family we raise our voice when we are mad.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4

Source: Fok, Allen, Henry, & People Awakening Team, 2014.