

## Parental Involvement Scale

### OVERVIEW

- This scale measures how involved a parent or parents are in the lives of their children
- A period of time can be selected based on your evaluation plan: past 3 months, 6 months, or year.

### SUBSCALES

- None
- Sample items:
  - Talked to a teacher about my progress in school
  - Worked with a youth group, sports team or club

### THEME

- Social Support

### TARGET POPULATION

- Youth between 12 and 18 years of age

### LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- 9 items
- Youth are scale to simply check off each item on the list that the parent has done during the selected time period (past 3 months, 6 months, or 1 year)
- The number of checked off items is summer for a total score; the more items checked off indicates the more the parent has been involved
- Self-report, paper-pencil version
- Languages: English

### DEVELOPER

- Voydanoff & Donnelly, 1999

### GOOD TO KNOW

Although this is a measure of parental involvement, explain to youth that a ‘parent’ means the person with whom they usually reside and who takes care of them and does not have to be a birth parent

### PSYCHOMETRICS

#### RELIABILITY

-Internal consistency ( $\alpha = .71-.92$ )

#### VALIDITY

-none

### Learn more:

- Voydanoff, P., & Donnelly, B.W. (1999). Risk and protective factors for psychological adjustment and grades among adolescents. *Journal of Family Issues*, 20, 328-349.
- This instrument can be found on page 96-97 of *Assessing Outcomes in Child and Youth Programs: A Practical Handbook*, available online at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/evaluation/documents/ChildYouthOutcomeHandbook2005.pdf>

How many of these things did your parent(s) or guardian(s) do during the past 3 months  
(Check all that apply)?

1	Talked to a teacher about my progress in school.
2	Attended a PTA or other school meeting.
3	Attended a school play, concert, sporting event, or other school activity.
4	Helped with a special school project, school trip, or other school activity.
5	Helped me with my homework.
6	Worked with a youth group, sports team or club.
7	Led a Sunday school class or other religious program.
8	Attended a class about parenting or raising a child.
9	Read a book or pamphlet about parenting or raising a child.