

Name of Measure: Adolescent-Adult Parenting Inventory (Bavolek, 1990)

Purpose of Measure: To assess parenting perceptions and behaviors

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Description of measure: The AAPI is a 32-item assessment of parenting and child rearing practices standardized on 2,000 adults and 6,500 adolescents (Bavolek, 1990; Bavolek, Kline, & McLaughlin, 1979, Stone, 1980). The AAPI has four subscales: (a) Reversing Parent-Child Family Roles (Role Reversal), (b) Lack of Empathic Awareness of Children's Needs (Empathy), (c) Inappropriate Developmental Expectations of Children (Developmental Expectations), and (d) Strong Parental Beliefs in the Use of Corporal Punishment (Corporal Punishment).

The Role Reversal subscale (8 items) measures the parent's use of the child to gratify his/her needs (e.g., "Children should be the main source of comfort and care for their parents"). The Empathy subscale (8 items) measure the parent's ability to empathize with and identify the children's needs (e.g., "Parents who are sensitive to their children's feelings and moods often spoil their children"). The Developmental Expectations subscale (6 items) measures the parent's expectations of their children's capability that might be beyond what the children are capable of doing at the age of one year"). The Corporal Punishment subscale (10 items) measures the parent's belief that spanking, hitting, and slapping will prove beneficial to the children in terms of teaching them right from wrong and helping them develop strong and sound characteristics (e.g., "Parents have the responsibility to spank their children when they misbehave").

The 32 items are answered on a 5-point Likert type scale, ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree". Low scores on the subscales indicate appropriate expectations, empathy, attitude toward corporal punishment, and an absence of role reversal. High scores on the subscales indicate inappropriate expectations, empathy, attitude toward corporal punishment, and belief in role reversal.

Language availability: English

Translation Comments: N/A

Population: The participants consisted of 182 mothers from five ethnic backgrounds. There were 52 European Americans, 43 Asian Americans, 33 African Americans, 31 Hispanics, and 23 Asian Indians. All the participants belonged to the middle or upper-middle socioeconomic class. The mothers were 19 years or older and had children who

were 3-5 years of age attending preschools in the southern and western parts of the United States. The Hispanic, Asian American, and Asian Indian mothers had immigrated to the U.S. within the three years prior to data collection. The European American and African American mothers were native to the U.S. All participants had at least a high school degree.

Norms:

Mean and Standard of Mother's Parental Attitudes by Race/Ethnicity

	Inappropriate Expectation		Empathy		Corporal Punishment		Role Reversal	
	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
European American	-8.87	2.86	-11.71	4.29	-11.38	6.36	-10.69	4.72
African American	-6.39	3.69	-7.12	5.75	-4.21	7.61	-4.39	6.15
Hispanic	-5.52	4.13	-6.19	5.17	-9.19	6.17	-6.45	5.70
Asian American	-4.26	4.71	-2.35	6.13	-2.15	7.59	-1.70	8.53
Asian Indian	-5.20	4.60	-5.80	7.70	-7.00	10.00	-3.60	7.54

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Reliability: Bavolek (1990) found the AAPI to have an internal reliability of .70 to .86. The internal consistency showed appropriate levels of reliability for each of the subscales (Expectations=.70, Empathy=.75, Corporal Punishment=.81, Role Reversal=.82), and test-retest reliability of the inventory showed an adequate level of stability over a week's period (.76) (Bavolek, 1990).

Validity: Not assessed.

Original Reference: Bavolek, S.J. (1990). Research and Validation Report of the Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory. Park City, UT: Family Development Resources, Inc.

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