

CD10G: Child Rearing Practices: Parent Interview

(30 points)

Due: April 25, 2013

You are asked to conduct a parent interview. The questions below will guide help guide the interview and get you started. Be sure to think about what you would like to know in advance. Do not ask questions which might be intrusive or which are irrelevant. You should try to ask all of these questions if they are appropriate and not intrusive.

Try to be relaxed but be professional and considerate of the person's time. Be sure to include basic information that covers family data, family structure, decision making process for having children, child care, type of family structure, attitudes about parenting experiences, family values and family rituals. Feel free to ask other questions. Attach your notes from the interview to the completed assignment.

Please number and then type each question followed by the answer. You should supply an answer (at a minimum for the following 15 questions). If the question does not apply then indicate that.

A. Name of the person being interviewed.

B. Their relationship to you (your mother, father, aunt, friend etc.)

C. Marital status, number of children, ages of children, relationship to child (biological child, child by marriage...) year/decade married and if remarried.

D. Why did you select to interview this particular person?

Questions:

1. Why did you decide to have a child/children? How did you think having children would affect your life? Did you think about this?
2. Describe your knowledge and/or experiences with children prior to becoming a parent. Did you prepare for parenting? If so, how did you prepare?
3. How and where did you learn about pregnancy and childbirth? Were your expectations and knowledge of the prenatal and birth period accurate? Unexpected experiences? Describe the period briefly.
4. When did you first leave your child in someone else's care? Who was it? What were the circumstances?
5. Did you use childcare during your child's first years? Why or why not? Please describe.
6. Do you live near your extended family? What kind of experiences has your child had with grand parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins? How important has it been for you and/or your child?
7. Have you experienced single parenting? Describe its effect on you and your child.
8. Have you been part of a blended or reconstituted family through divorce and remarriage? Describe the experience and relationships.
9. How has being a parent affected your relationship with your spouse or parent of your child?
10. How has parenting affected your relationship with your parents and extended family?
11. What had been the most meaningful part of parenting for you? Most difficult?
12. What family traditions or rituals have you passed on to your children? (e.g. eating meals together, birthday celebrations)
13. What values have you tried to teach your children or will you try to teach your children as they grow up? (e.g. moral, religious, cultural)

14. How would you describe your parenting style? Is it similar to your parent's style? What are important standards of behavior for you? What are your discipline methods? Is there (or was there) agreement between parents about methods of discipline and expectations for your children's behavior?

15. If you could do it again, would you change anything? What would you change? Why would you do it differently?

After you answer the questions above please answer these reflection questions,

16. What did you learn after completing this interview?

17. What thoughts or feelings come up for you as you think about the information you have gathered?

18. What did you learn about parenting? Or
What is the meaning of this information that is most important to you (and in your work)