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Measurement Scale Fact Sheet

Child's Attitude towards Mother and Father (CAM and CAF)

The Child's Attitude towards Mother, or CAM, and the Child's Attitude towards Father, or CAF, are parallel scales designed to measure the degree, severity, or magnitude of the problem a child has with his mother or father. At this time, there are few scales that are designed to treat the child as a primary source of information about the severity of parent-child relationship problems. The CAM and CAF scales were designed partially to fill that void. The CAM and CAF scales can be used with adolescent and adult children, but they are not recommended for use with children under the age of 12.

Score Interpretation

The scale produces scores that range from 0 to 100. For all practical purposes the scores can be regarded as true ratio scale values. Thus, a score of 0 indicates the client has none of the attributes, and a score of 100 represents the highest possible to stress level the scale is capable of measuring.

Cutting Scores

This scale has two clinical cutting scores. The first is a score of 30. Clients who score below 30, assuming accurate and candid responses, can be presumed to be free of a clinically significant problem in this area. Clients who score above 30 can be presumed to have a clinically significant problem in this area.

The second cutting score is 70. Clients who achieve scores this large or larger are nearly always experiencing severe distress. When distress reaches this level, there is a clear possibility that some form of violence could be considered or used as a means of dealing with problems in this area. The therapist or counselor should not assume that violence is in the offing. However, it is a distinct possibility, and it should be investigated by the service provider.

Reliability

This scale consistently achieves an Alpha coefficient of .90 or larger.

Validity

This scale has been investigated with respect to content, construct, factorial, and known groups validity. It nearly always achieves validity coefficients of .60 or greater.

Readability Statistics

Flesch Reading Ease: 79; Gunning's Fog Index: 7; Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 5.

References

The following references provide the currently available research evidence concerning the psychometric characteristics for this measure.

Giuli & Hudson, 1977.



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CAM

CHILD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MOTHER

Name _____

Date _____

This questionnaire is designed to measure the degree of closeness you have in your relationship with your mother. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and as accurately as you can by placing a number beside each one as follows:

SAMPLE

- 1 = None of the time
- 2 = Very rarely
- 3 = A little of the time
- 4 = Some of the time
- 5 = A good part of the time
- 6 = Most of the time
- 7 = All of the time

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1. _____ My mother gets on my nerves.
 2. _____ I get along well with my mother.
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____ My mother's behavior embarrasses me.
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____ My mother puts too many limits on me.
 10. _____
 11. _____
 12. _____
 13. _____ I hate my mother.
 14. _____
 15. _____
 16. _____
 17. _____ I feel like I do not love my mother.
 18. _____ My mother is very irritating.
 19. _____
 20. _____
 21. _____ I feel proud of my mother.
 22. _____ I wish my mother was more like others I know.
 23. _____
 24. _____
 25. _____ I feel ashamed of my mother.



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CAF

CHILD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FATHER

Name _____ Date _____

This questionnaire is designed to measure the degree of resentment you have in your relationship with your father. It is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and honestly as you can by placing a number in the blank space as follows:

- 1 = None of the time
- 2 = Very rarely
- 3 = A little of the time
- 4 = Some of the time
- 5 = A good part of the time
- 6 = Most of the time
- 7 = All of the time

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1. _____ My father gets on my nerves.
 2. _____ I get along well with my father.
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____ My father's behavior embarrasses me.
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____ My father puts too many limits on me.
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