

Fatherhood Research & Practice Network Decision Making Responsibility Scale

[Self-Administered Version]

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**1. What is your youngest child's first name? [Please write in the box below.]**

**Read:** These next questions ask about who makes decisions about your youngest child [NAME OF CHILD]. Please share if: 1) the mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions, 2) if you and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions, or 3) if you always make the decisions. [Please place a check next to the answer that you agree with the most.]

**2. Who makes decisions about where [NAME OF CHILD] will go to school or daycare?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**3. Who makes decisions about what religion [NAME OF CHILD] will practice?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**4. Who makes decisions about what foods will be available to eat at home?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**5. Who makes decisions about how much money will be spent on clothes for [NAME OF CHILD]?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**6. Who makes decisions about how [NAME OF CHILD] will be disciplined?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**7. Who makes decisions about what to buy for [NAME OF CHILD]?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

**8. Who makes decisions about who will care for [NAME OF CHILD]?**

- 1  The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions
- 2  You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions
- 3  You always make the decisions

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[Interviewer Administered Version]  
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**1. What is your child’s first name? [Please write in the box below.] \***

**Read:** In this next section I am going to ask you about who makes decisions about your [NAME OF CHILD]. Please let me know if the mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions, if you and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions, or if you always make the decisions.

	The mother of the child (or another adult) always makes the decisions	You and the mother of the child (or another adult) share in making the decisions	You always make the decisions	Don't know
1. Who makes decisions about where [NAME OF CHILD] will go to school or daycare?	1	2	3	99
2. Who makes decisions about what religion [NAME OF CHILD] will practice?	1	2	3	99
3. Who makes decisions about what foods will be available to eat at home?	1	2	3	99
4. Who makes decisions about how much money will be spent on clothes for [NAME OF CHILD]?	1	2	3	99
5. Who makes decisions about how [NAME OF CHILD] will be disciplined?	1	2	3	99
6. Who makes decisions about what to buy for [NAME OF CHILD]?	1	2	3	99
7. Who makes decisions about who will care for [NAME OF CHILD]?	1	2	3	99

\*This question refers to the target child. Many programs select the youngest child as the target child, but your program can select a different child to ask fathers about (i.e. the father’s second youngest child). You may also choose to administer this survey more than once (with respect to each of his children) with fathers who have multiple children. Consult with your researcher about this matter.