Measure of Family Well-being

Author:	1999, University of Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences, Adapted from Institute for Family Support and Development of MICA, 1996
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Constructs:	Parenting Skills, Child Development, Child and Family Health, Family Relationships, Formal and Informal Sources of Support
Instrument Type(s):	Survey scored on a 7-point Likert scale using a retrospective pretest format.
Uses of Information:	Implementing this four-part set of tools is appropriate for measuring the effectiveness of family support programs. These assess twelve areas of family functioning by reviewing several “sub-areas” in each area and then provide an overall rating for that area. Areas covered by the scale include: parenting and family well-being, housing, community life, food and nutrition, health and health care, education and jobs, money, transportation, children's education, children's behavior and child care. Each of these areas is of potential interest to a family support program.
Environment:	Home, classroom or program offices
Description:	This scale is comprehensive, visually appealing and easy to use. It guides readers through a step-by-step application of concepts related to outcome accountability and provides suggested tools for measuring progress. It does require a fairly detailed knowledge of the family system by the staff person making the ratings. There is both a self-report and a staff report on each indicator of a families’ well being. These instruments may be time consuming for staff, but they are relatively simple to use. For programs having more in-depth relationships with participants, they may be very useful instruments.
References:	Peisher, Ann, Meg Sewell and Ray Kirk. (2001). Outcome Accountability for Family Support Programs: Volume I: Concepts. Chapel Hill, NC: FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community Based Family Resource & Support Programs. Peisher, Ann, Meg Sewell and Ray Kirk. (2001). Outcome Accountability for Family Support Programs: Volume II: Workbook and Instruments. Chapel Hill, NC: FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community Based Family Resource & Support Programs.
Cost:	Free, in the public domain
Availability of Test Manual	Limited information on using the tool is included in the FRIENDS Guide to Outcome Accountability, www.friendsnrc.org

Contact Info:	Can be downloaded free at http://www.friendsnrc.org/download/outcomeresources/oa_mmfwb.pdf or is available in FRIENDS' Outcome Accountability for Family Support Programs, Volume 2, which can be ordered by contacting: FRIENDS National Resource Center for CBCAP 919-490-5577 www.friendsnrc.org
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Instructions:	Instructions available on each form.
Administrator:	Unspecified
Qualification:	Unspecified, but must be able to read and fill out the form.
Training Required:	The staff administrator should be very familiar with the family prior to completing the sets of items intended for staff to complete.
Administration Time:	This is entirely dependent on the number of sub-sets that are being completed. Plan on 10 minutes per sub-set.
Respondents:	Parents and staff
Scales/Item Options	Four sets of scaled instruments address and measure issues related to the following 12 sub-sets: Housing and Family Well-being, Parenting and Family Well-being, Community Life and Family Well-being, Food and Nutrition and Family Well-being, Health and Health Care and Family Well-being, Education and Jobs and Family Wellbeing, Money and Family Well-being, Transportation and Family Well-being, Children's Education and Family Well-being, Family Relations and Family Well-being, Children's Behavior and Family Well-being: Two sets of instruments are to be filled out by the family member participating in the family support program. Two sets of instruments, labeled "educator version" are to be completed by the family support program staff person who is best able to evaluate this family. The items are rated on a Likert scale. Sample items include: * Individuals show affection, and notice feelings, such as anger, sorrow, or love * Children have good school attendance * We have enough money to meet basic family needs
Scoring:	Unspecified
Languages:	English
Psychometric Properties:	Unavailable

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