

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Children Now *Talking With Kids About Tough Issues: A National Survey of Parents and Kids* is a random-sample telephone survey of 880 parents of children age 6-15 and of 348 children age 10-15. It was designed by staff at the Foundation, Children Now, and Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA) and conducted by PSRA between September 15 and October 13, 1998.

Of the 880 parents surveyed, 447 are parents of children age 8-12; 267 are parents of children age 10-12; and 272 are parents of children age 13-15.

Of the 348 children surveyed, 161 are age 10-12 and 187 are age 13-15.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4 percentage points for total parents; plus or minus 5 percentage points for parents of children age 8-12; plus or minus 7 percentage points for parents of children age 10-12; plus or minus 6 percentage points for parents of children age 13-15.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 6 percentage points for total children; plus or minus 9 percentage points for children 10-12; plus or minus 8 percentage points for children 13-15.

Talking With Kids About Tough Issues is a national initiative to support parents by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Children Now to encourage parents to talk with their children earlier and more often about tough issues like sex, AIDS, violence, drugs, and alcohol. In conjunction with the campaign, Kaiser Family Foundation and Children Now conducted a national survey of parents and children (ages 10-15) to identify major issues in parent-child communication today.

The following are highlights from the survey:

- Parents say that open communication best prepares children to make wise decisions. And, kids who have had conversations with their parents say they were glad to have talked and got good ideas about how to handle the issues.
- But, parents also say that most parents are waiting "too long" to have these tough conversations with their children. In fact, many children report wanting information about topics that their parents have not yet discussed with them. Although many parents report starting to talk with their children by age 12 or earlier about alcohol/drugs, violence, AIDS, and the basic facts of reproduction, most still do not raise other aspects of sex and sexuality, such as relationships and responsibilities, until the teen years. Yet, many pre-teens say these are some of the very issues they have questions about.
- Whether or not their parents had talked with them about these tough issues, children as young as 10 *still want more information* on how to deal with issues like "how to know when you are ready to have sex," "how to protect against HIV/AIDS," and "how to handle peer pressure to use drugs / alcohol."
- A clear "window of opportunity" exists for parents of younger children. Between the ages of 10-12, most children name their parents as their primary source of guidance, advice and information about issues like sex, violence and drugs and alcohol. But, as kids reach the teen years, they are increasingly likely to name other outlets, including friends and the media, as places where they get more of their information. They also are more likely to say they would go to someone *other than a parent* if facing certain difficult situations; something of which their parents are acutely aware.
- Parents who talk about tough issues generally get good grades from their children who say their parents were prepared, in touch, accessible and not embarrassed. Conversations about sex, however, appear more difficult for parents, with as many as one in five children rating their parents as "out of touch" and "unprepared" for these talks. There were also instances when parents and children walked away from their conversations with different impressions about what had really happened: for example, close a quarter of parents reported having covered topics that their child did not recall having discussed.
- Even parents who are talking say they could use help knowing how and when to raise issues about sex, drugs and alcohol, and violence with their children. When they do look for help, parents are most likely to turn to books and the media. Parents also are taking advantage of "teachable moments" to discuss these issues with their children: the media, news and entertainment, often provide a reason for talking. However, many may be missing good opportunities to talk, especially about the hardest topic to talk about, sex, such as sex education classes in school or a visit to the doctor's office.

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Children Now

TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT TOUGH ISSUES:
A NATIONAL SURVEY OF PARENTS AND KIDS

TOPLINE

Conducted: September 15 - October 13, 1998

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INTRODUCTION FOR SCREENING INTERVIEW: Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research. We're conducting a national OPINION survey about some important issues facing families today. Here's my first question...

- A. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going for you and your family today?

	<u>Child=s age</u>			
<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
83	85	87	84	Satisfied
12	12	10	12	Dissatisfied
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

PARENT INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research. We're conducting a national opinion survey about some important issues facing families with children age 6 to 15.

MAIN INTERVIEW FOR PARENTS:

D1. RECORD SEX OF PARENT:

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
44	40	41	49	Male (Father/Male guardian)
<u>56</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>51</u>	Female (Mother/Female guardian)
100	100	100	100	

1. Now I'm going to read you a list of some sensitive subjects parents might talk about with their children. As I read each one, tell me when you think most parents **FIRST** start talking with their child about this subject -- at about the right age, too soon, or if you think they wait too long to start talking about it.

(First,) what about...(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER)? Do most parents start talking about this subject when their child is about the right age, too soon, or do most parents wait too long?

		<u>Right Age</u>	<u>Too Soon</u>	<u>Too Long</u>	<u>Parents Shouldn=t Talk With Kids About Subject (Vol.)</u>	<u>Don=t Know Refused</u>	
a.	Alcohol and drugs						
	Total	30	3	63	*	4	=100
	8-12	29	3	64	0	4	=100
	10-12	29	3	64	0	4	=100
	13-15	30	3	61	1	5	=100
b.	How to handle potentially violent situations						
	Total	40	5	49	*	6	=100
	8-12	39	4	51	0	6	=100
	10-12	40	5	48	0	7	=100
	13-15	41	7	45	*	7	=100
c.	AIDS						
	Total	38	5	50	*	7	=100
	8-12	34	5	54	*	7	=100
	10-12	37	4	51	*	8	=100
	13-15	46	7	43	*	4	=100

		Right <u>Age</u>	Too <u>Soon</u>	Too <u>Long</u>	Parents Shouldn't Talk With Kids <u>About Subject (Vol.)</u>	Don't Know <u>Refused</u>	
d.	The basic facts about sexual reproduction, as in the Abirds and the bees≡						
	Total	41	10	45	*	4	=100
	8-12	40	10	46	0	4	=100
	10-12	41	11	45	0	3	=100
	13-15	46	8	43	1	2	=100
e.	Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active						
	Total	30	6	58	*	6	=100
	8-12	29	7	58	*	6	=100
	10-12	28	6	61	0	5	=100
	13-15	32	4	61	0	3	=100
f.	How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases						
	Total	29	5	62	*	4	=100
	8-12	28	4	63	1	4	=100
	10-12	28	4	63	1	4	=100
	13-15	36	4	58	0	2	=100

2. Which ONE of the following two statements comes CLOSER to the way YOU feel about talking with children about sensitive subjects?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
89	90	90	90	Children are better prepared to make wise choices when parents talk to them openly about sensitive subjects from an early age.
				OR...
9	8	8	8	When parents talk to their children about sensitive subjects from an early age, it leads children to experiment and get into trouble.
<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

D2. Thinking about your own family situation... Are you the parent of one child in your household who is BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 TO 15, or more than one child in this age group?

Based on total parents; n=880, target child 8-12; n=447, target child 10-12; n=267, target child 13-15; n=273.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
60	55	51	61	One child
40	45	49	39	More than one child
*	*	*	0	Don=t know/Refused
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	

Now I have a few questions about your child who is between the ages of 6 to 15...

D3. Is this child a boy or a girl?

Which of these children had a birthday MOST RECENTLY -- a boy or a girl?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
52	50	53	56	Boy
48	50	47	44	Girl
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	

D4. How old is this child/child who had a birthday most recently?

<u>Total</u>	
9	6 years old
10	7 years old
11	8 years old
9	9 years old
11	10 years old
10	11 years old
10	12 years old
10	13 years old
8	14 years old
11	15 years old
<u>1</u>	Refused
<u>100</u>	

D5. So that we can describe the families that take part in this survey, can you please tell me if this child=s [other parent] also lives in your household?

D6. Does this child spend time with (his or her) [other parent] on a regular basis, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
80	81	81	76	Lives in same Household
20	19	19	24	Total does not live in same Household
10	9	9	9	Spends time with child
10	10	10	14	Does not spend time with child
*	*	*	1	Deceased
*	0	0	*	Status not ascertained
<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D7. Does this child have ANY older brothers or sisters, including those who may now live elsewhere?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
52	50	51	59	Yes
48	50	49	41	No
<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

3. We=d like to know who you think your child would FIRST talk with to get advice and guidance in each of the who would (he or she) first talk with for advice and guidance... **(INSERT--READ AND ROTATE):** you, the other parent, a brother or sister, friends, an adult at school, or someone else?

	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>Brother/</u>	<u>Friends</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Else</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>A Parent (Not</u>
								<u>Someone</u>	<u>Specifically</u>
									<u>Wouldn=t</u>
									<u>Or Other</u>
									<u>Anyone</u>
									<u>Vol.) S</u>
a. If someone offered (him/her) drugs									
Total:	54	16	5	7	4	2	9	1	
8-12:	54	16	5	6	4	3	11	*	
10-12:	54	15	6	6	3	3	11	0	
13-15:	51	14	8	12	2	2	8	2	
b. If someone threatened (him/her) with violence									
Total:	60	18	4	2	4	2	8	1	
8-12:	60	16	3	2	5	2	11	*	
10-12:	60	14	4	2	4	3	12	0	
13-15:	62	15	7	4	4	1	5	2	
c. About dealing with pressure to have sex									
Total:	41	24	7	15	1	2	5	1	
8-12:	45	26	6	10	*	3	6	1	
10-12:	44	27	8	11	1	2	6	*	
13-15:	32	22	11	26	1	3	2	1	
d. About dealing with pressure to drink alcohol									
Total:	49	18	8	11	*	2	9	*	
8-12:	50	19	7	7	1	2	11	*	
10-12:	48	18	9	7	1	2	11	*	

13-15:	47	15	12	18	0	3	5	*
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3. Continued...

	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Other Parent</u>	<u>Brother/Sister</u>	<u>Friends</u>	<u>Adult At School</u>	<u>Someone Else</u>	<u>Respondent Or Other Parent (Vol.)</u>	<u>A Parent (Not Specifically Wouldnt Talk to Anyone (Vol.)</u>	<u>V E S</u>
e. If (he or she) were thinking about having sex									
Total:	34	24	10	19	*	3	3	1	
8-12:	36	26	9	15	*	4	3	1	
10-12:	34	26	10	16	0	3	3	1	
13-15:	27	16	14	32	1	3	2	1	
f. If someone brought a gun to school									
Total:	41	13	3	4	31	1	5	1	
8-12:	39	12	2	3	33	2	7	*	
10-12:	38	13	1	4	34	3	6	*	
13-15:	45	11	3	7	29	1	3	*	

Based on parents with a target child aged 13-15; n=273

g. If he were worried that he got someone pregnant/ She were worried that she was pregnant									
Total:	40	21	11	13	2	4	4	0	
Child is boy 13-15:	42	19	11	12	2	4	5	0	
Child is girl 13-15:	37	24	12	14	2	4	2	0	

We're interested in whether you, YOURSELF, have ever talked about certain subjects with your child that is, your ___ year old (child)...

4. Have you ever talked about...(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER) with your (___ year old child), or not? (TWK-96)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Alcohol or drugs				
Total:	92	8	0	=100
8-12:	94	6	0	=100
10-12:	95	5	0	=100
13-15:	98	2	0	=100
1996 Total:	91	9	*	=100
b. How to handle potentially violent situations				
Total:	80	19	1	=100
8-12:	82	18	*	=100
10-12:	84	15	1	=100
13-15:	83	16	1	=100
1996 Total:	82	18	*	=100
c. AIDS				
Total:	56	43	1	=100
8-12:	58	41	1	=100
10-12:	68	31	1	=100
13-15:	78	21	1	=100
1996 Total:	68	32	*	=100
d. The basic facts about sexual reproduction, as in the Abirds and the bees≡				
Total:	63	37	*	=100
8-12:	63	37	*	=100
10-12:	71	29	0	=100
13-15:	76	24	0	=100
1996 Total:	64	36	0	=100
e. Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active				
Total:	42	58	*	=100
8-12:	35	65	0	=100
10-12:	44	56	0	=100
13-15:	70	29	1	=100
1996 Total:	46	54	*	=100

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
f. How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases				
Total:	38	62	*	=100
8-12:	30	69	1	=100
10-12:	37	62	1	=100
13-15:	71	29	*	=100
1996 Total:	37	63	*	=100

5. About how old was your child when you had your FIRST conversation about this subject?

Based on parents who talk with target child about topic

	<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>
a. Alcohol or drugs				
Under age 6	26	22	16	11
6 years of age	17	21	14	7
7 years of age	12	18	13	7
8 years of age	14	17	22	15
9 years of age	8	10	16	9
10 years of age	11	8	13	22
11 years of age	4	2	4	8
12 years of age	3	0	0	10
13 years of age	2	0	0	6
14 years of age	1	0	0	2
15 years of age	*	0	0	1
Don=t remember	2	2	2	2
n=	817	425	258	266

	<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
b.	How to handle potentially violent situations				
	Under age 6	30	27	21	14
	6 years of age	16	18	14	6
	7 years of age	11	15	11	9
	8 years of age	13	18	23	11
	9 years of age	6	8	11	6
	10 years of age	12	8	13	24
	11 years of age	4	3	4	8
	12 years of age	5	1	1	14
	13 years of age	1	0	0	4
	14 years of age	*	0	0	1
	15 years of age	*	0	0	1
	Don=t remember	2	2	2	2
	n=	710	370	225	229
c.	AIDS				
	Under age 6	10	10	6	4
	6 years of age	9	12	7	2
	7 years of age	10	12	11	7
	8 years of age	18	30	28	6
	9 years of age	9	14	17	5
	10 years of age	17	14	20	23
	11 years of age	10	6	9	16
	12 years of age	9	1	2	20
	13 years of age	4	0	0	9
	14 years of age	1	0	0	3
	15 years of age	1	0	0	2
	Don=t remember	2	1	0	3
	n=	525	277	191	217
d.	The basic facts about sexual reproduction				
	Under age 6	16	14	10	5
	6 years of age	12	12	8	5
	7 years of age	11	16	11	3
	8 years of age	13	21	22	6
	9 years of age	9	12	13	8
	10 years of age	14	13	19	21
	11 years of age	11	10	15	16
	12 years of age	8	1	2	20
	13 years of age	4	0	0	10
	14 years of age	*	0	0	2
	15 years of age	1	0	0	2
	Don=t remember	1	1	*	2
	n=	572	300	199	207

	<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>
e. Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active				
Under age 6	5	4	2	1
6 years of age	7	7	3	2
7 years of age	5	10	4	2
8 years of age	10	20	18	3
9 years of age	8	15	15	3
10 years of age	17	22	29	15
11 years of age	13	16	21	11
12 years of age	18	5	6	31
13 years of age	9	0	0	18
14 years of age	6	0	0	11
15 years of age	1	0	0	2
Don=t remember	1	1	2	1
n=	395	176	133	193
f. How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases				
Under age 6	2	*	*	1
6 years of age	3	5	1	1
7 years of age	7	13	7	1
8 years of age	9	18	12	2
9 years of age	8	13	12	4
10 years of age	19	26	35	16
11 years of age	14	17	22	13
12 years of age	21	8	11	32
13 years of age	9	0	0	16
14 years of age	5	0	0	9
15 years of age	1	0	0	2
Don=t remember	2	0	0	3
n=	358	152	110	193

6. Did conversation about...(INSERT ITEM) first start because of something your CHILD asked or said, or did YOU bring up the subject yourself?

Based on those who discussed topic

		Child Initiated <u>Conversation</u>	Respondent Initiated <u>Conversation</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>	<u>n</u>
a.	Alcohol or drugs				
	Total:	44	52	4 =100	(817)
	8-12:	44	52	4 =100	(425)
	10-12:	39	58	3 =100	(258)
	13-15:	36	59	5 =100	(266)
b.	How to handle potentially violent situations				
	Total:	40	56	4 =100	(710)
	8-12:	40	58	2 =100	(370)
	10-12:	44	54	2 =100	(225)
	13-15:	41	54	5 =100	(229)
c.	AIDS				
	Total:	41	55	4 =100	(525)
	8-12:	43	54	3 =100	(277)
	10-12:	41	56	3 =100	(19)
	13-15:	37	58	5 =100	(217)
d.	The basic facts about sexual reproduction				
	Total:	53	45	2 =100	(572)
	8-12:	57	41	2 =100	(300)
	10-12:	55	43	2 =100	(199)
	13-15:	41	56	3 =100	(207)
e.	Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active				
	Total:	27	70	3 =100	(395)
	8-12:	30	68	2 =100	(176)
	10-12:	27	70	3 =100	(133)
	13-15:	23	73	4 =100	(193)
f.	How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases				
	Total:	29	68	3 =100	(358)
	8-12:	29	69	2 =100	(152)
	10-12:	26	72	2 =100	(110)
	13-15:	28	68	4 =100	(193)

8. Now thinking about your conversations with your (___ year old child) about ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, in general, please tell me how you felt talking with this child about this subject...

Based on those who talked with target child about alcohol and drugs; total n=817; target child 8-12 n=425; target child 10-12 n=258; target child 13-15 n=266

a. Did you feel...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
1	*	0	1	Very embarrassed
3	2	2	6	Somewhat embarrassed
6	6	7	6	Not too embarrassed, OR
90	92	91	86	Not at all embarrassed?
<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you were...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
68	67	68	69	Very well-prepared
29	29	30	27	Somewhat prepared
2	2	1	2	Not too prepared OR
1	2	1	1	Not at all prepared to talk about it?
<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
14	14	14	15	Very judgmental
24	22	24	25	Somewhat judgmental
15	16	17	13	Not too judgmental OR
45	46	44	44	Not at all judgmental?
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

d. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
66	68	68	65	Very helpful
32	31	31	33	Somewhat helpful
1	*	0	*	Not too helpful OR
1	1	1	1	Not at all helpful?
<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

9. Please tell me if you ever had a conversation about ALCOHOL OR DRUGS with this child as a result of each of the following. Did you ever talk with (him/her/this child) about ALCOHOL OR DRUGS because of ...

Based on those who talked with target child about alcohol and drugs; total n=817; target child 8-12 n=425; target child 10-12 n=258; target child 13-15 n=266

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Something on the news?				
Total:	49	49	2	=100
8-12:	48	50	2	=100
10-12:	50	48	2	=100
13-15:	53	45	2	=100
b. Something in a TV show, movie, or other entertainment media?				
Total:	61	37	2	=100
8-12:	63	36	1	=100
10-12:	63	36	1	=100
13-15:	59	39	2	=100
c. Something that was the topic of a class or program at your child=s school?				
Total:	51	47	2	=100
8-12:	53	46	1	=100
10-12:	54	44	2	=100
13-15:	55	42	3	=100
d. Something that happened in your community or at your child=s school?				
Total:	45	54	1	=100
8-12:	45	55	1	=100
10-12:	51	49	*	=100
13-15:	55	43	2	=100
e. Something that happened to your family or something you found at home?				
Total:	40	59	1	=100
8-12:	39	61	*	=100
10-12:	42	58	*	=100
13-15:	46	53	1	=100

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/</u>	
				<u>Refused</u>	
f.	A visit to the doctor=s office?				
	Total:	6	93	1	=100
	8-12:	7	93	*	=100
	10-12:	7	92	1	=100
	13-15:	7	92	1	=100

10. Now thinking about your conversations with your (___ year old child) about VIOLENCE, in general, please tell me how you felt talking with this child about this subject...

Based on those who talked with target child about violence; total n=710; target child 8-12 n=370; target child 10-12 n=225; target child 13-15 n=229

a. Did you feel...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
1	1	1	*	Very embarrassed
2	3	3	2	Somewhat embarrassed
3	2	3	2	Not too embarrassed, OR
94	94	93	96	Not at all embarrassed?
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you were...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
58	58	55	58	Very well-prepared
37	38	41	38	Somewhat prepared
4	2	2	3	Not too prepared OR
1	2	2	1	Not at all prepared to talk about it?
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
15	15	16	19	Very judgmental
24	19	18	28	Somewhat judgmental
15	16	15	8	Not too judgmental OR
45	49	50	44	Not at all judgmental?
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

d. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
62	64	64	53	Very helpful
37	35	35	44	Somewhat helpful
1	1	1	2	Not too helpful OR
*	*	0	0	Not at all helpful?
*	0	0	1	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

11. Please tell me if you ever had a conversation about VIOLENCE with this child as a result of each of the following. Did you ever talk with (this child) about VIOLENCE because of ...

Based on those who talked with target child about violence; total n=710; target child 8-12 n=370; target child 10-12 n=225; target child 13-15 n=229

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a.	Something on the news?				
	Total:	67	32	1	=100
	8-12:	71	28	1	=100
	10-12:	76	24	*	=100
	13-15:	64	34	2	=100
b.	Something in a TV show, movie, or other entertainment media?				
	Total:	70	30	*	=100
	8-12:	70	30	0	=100
	10-12:	71	29	0	=100
	13-15:	70	29	1	=100
c.	Something that was the topic of a class or program at your child=s school?				
	Total:	39	59	2	=100
	8-12:	44	55	1	=100
	10-12:	47	52	1	=100
	13-15:	36	60	4	=100

d.	Something that happened in your community or at your child's school?				
	Total:	62	37	1	=100
	8-12:	64	36	*	=100
	10-12:	66	33	1	=100
	13-15:	68	30	2	=100
				Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>	
		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
e.	Something that happened to your family or something you found at home?				
	Total:	27	73	*	=100
	8-12:	26	74	0	=100
	10-12:	26	74	0	=100
	13-15:	27	72	1	=100
f.	A visit to the doctor's office?				
	Total:	2	97	1	=100
	8-12:	3	97	0	=100
	10-12:	4	96	0	=100
	13-15:	2	97	1	=100

12. Thinking about your conversations with your (___ year old child) about AIDS, in general, please tell me how you felt talking with this child about this subject...

Based on those who talked with target child about AIDS; total n=525; target child 8-12 n=277; target child 10-12 n=191; target child 13-15 n=217

a. Did you feel...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
1	1	1	1	Very embarrassed
10	10	10	10	Somewhat embarrassed
7	8	9	7	Not too embarrassed, OR
81	80	80	82	Not at all embarrassed?
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you were...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
52	52	53	53	Very well-prepared
39	38	38	42	Somewhat prepared
7	8	8	4	Not too prepared OR
1	1	1	1	Not at all prepared to talk about it?
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
10	11	11	9	Very judgmental
21	17	19	26	Somewhat judgmental
14	15	14	13	Not too judgmental OR
53	55	54	50	Not at all judgmental?
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

d. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
58	55	55	60	Very helpful
39	40	40	38	Somewhat helpful
1	2	2	*	Not too helpful OR
1	1	2	1	Not at all helpful?
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

13. Please tell me if you ever had a conversation about AIDS with this child as a result of each of the following. Did you ever talk with (this child) about AIDS because of ...

Based on those who talked with target child about AIDS; total n=525; target child 8-12 n=277; target child 10-12 n=191; target child 13-15 n=217

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a.	Something on the news?				
	Total:	61	37	2	=100
	8-12:	60	38	2	=100
	10-12:	61	37	2	=100
	13-15: 63	35	2	=100	
b.	Something in a TV show, movie, or other entertainment media?				
	Total:	68	31	1	=100
	8-12:	68	30	2	=100
	10-12:	70	29	1	=100
	13-15:	69	30	1	=100
		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
c.	Something that was the topic of a class or program at your child=s school?				
	Total:	44	54	2	=100
	8-12:	40	58	2	=100
	10-12:	46	52	2	=100
	13-15:	53	45	2	=100
d.	Something that happened in your community or at your child=s school?				
	Total:	20	79	1	=100
	8-12:	21	77	2	=100
	10-12:	22	76	2	=100
	13-15:	20	79	1	=100
e.	Something that happened to your family or something you found at home?				
	Total:	11	88	1	=100
	8-12:	12	87	1	=100
	10-12:	10	89	1	=100
	13-15:	12	88	*	=100
f.	A visit to the doctor=s office?				
	Total:	3	97	*	=100
	8-12:	2	97	1	=100
	10-12:	2	97	1	=100
	13-15:	4	96	*	=100

14. Thinking about your conversations with your (child) about SEX, please tell me how you felt talking with this child about this subject...

Based on those who talked with target child about sex; total n=629; target child 8-12 n=320; target child 10-12 n=213; target child 13-15 n=239

- a. Did you feel...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
2	3	1	2	Very embarrassed
19	18	19	21	Somewhat embarrassed
13	11	10	15	Not too embarrassed, OR
64	66	67	61	Not at all embarrassed?
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

- b. Did you feel you were...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
57	58	60	59	Very well-prepared
35	33	33	33	Somewhat prepared
6	5	2	7	Not too prepared OR
1	2	2	*	Not at all prepared to talk about it?
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

- c. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
6	5	5	9	Very judgmental
19	15	17	23	Somewhat judgmental
16	17	16	14	Not too judgmental OR
56	58	57	52	Not at all judgmental?
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

d. Did you feel you were being...

<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
53	51	52	59	Very helpful
41	43	42	34	Somewhat helpful
3	3	2	4	Not too helpful OR
1	*	1	2	Not at all helpful?
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

15. Please tell me if you ever had a conversation about SEX with this child as a result of each of the following. Did you ever talk with (this child) about SEX because of ...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Something on the news?				
Total:	41	57	2	=100
8-12:	42	56	2	=100
10-12:	44	54	2	=100
13-15:	44	54	2	=100
b. Something in a TV show, movie, or other entertainment media?				
Total:	64	35	1	=100
8-12:	64	34	2	=100
10-12:	68	31	1	=100
13-15:	65	34	1	=100
c. Something that was the topic of a class or program at your child=s school?				
Total:	40	58	2	=100
8-12:	38	59	3	=100
10-12:	47	52	1	=100
13-15:	49	49	2	=100
d. Something that happened in your community or at your child=s school?				
Total:	31	68	1	=100
8-12:	24	74	2	=100
10-12:	27	72	1	=100
13-15:	43	56	1	=100

e.	Something that happened to your family or something you found at home?					
	Total:	22	77	1	=100	
	8-12:	20	78	2	=100	
	10-12:	18	81	1	=100	
	13-15:	23	76	1	=100	
f.	A visit to the doctor=s office?					
	Total:	9	90	1	=100	
	8-12:	8	90	2	=100	
	10-12:	10	89	1	=100	
	13-15:	10	90	*	=100	

16. Now I'm going to read you a list of SPECIFIC topics that sometimes come up in conversations between parents and children. For each one, please tell me if you, or the other parent have talked about this topic with your (child) (who is now ___ years old)

(First,) have you or the other parent ever talked with your child about...?

		Respondent Has Talked <u>About</u>	Has Talked <u>About</u>	Other Parent And Other <u>Parent (Vol.)</u>	Both Respondent Parent Has <u>Talked About</u>	Neither Don=t Know/ <u>Refused</u>	
a.	Drinking and driving						
	Total:	28	3	48	21	*	=100
	8-12:	28	3	50	19	0	=100
	10-12:	26	3	53	18	0	=100
	13-15:	34	2	53	11	*	=100
b.	What to do if someone brings guns to school						
	Total:	28	6	37	28	1	=100
	8-12:	28	6	38	26	2	=100
	10-12:	29	6	42	21	2	=100
	13-15:	32	6	38	23	1	=100
c.	Homosexuality						
	Total:	25	4	29	41	1	=100
	8-12:	25	4	28	41	2	=100
	10-12:	25	5	36	32	2	=100
	13-15:	35	5	39	21	*	=100

d. How to know when (he or she) is ready to have a sexual relationship

Total:	19	8	18	54	1	=100
8-12:	17	7	16	59	1	=100
10-12:	17	9	22	50	2	=100
13-15:	31	11	29	27	2	=100

e. How to handle pressure from friends or a (boyfriend or girlfriend) to have sex

Total:	22	5	23	49	1	=100
8-12:	19	5	20	55	1	=100
10-12:	20	6	27	46	1	=100
13-15:	34	7	38	19	2	=100

	Respondent	Other Parent	Both Respondent	Neither		
	<u>Has Talked</u>	<u>Has Talked</u>	<u>And Other</u>	<u>Parent Has</u>	<u>Don=t Know/</u>	
	<u>About</u>	<u>About</u>	<u>Parent (Vol.)</u>	<u>Talked About</u>	<u>Refused</u>	

f. How girls get pregnant

Total:	31	8	26	34	1	=100
8-12:	32	10	23	34	1	=100
10-12:	32	11	29	27	1	=100
13-15:	39	8	37	14	2	=100

g. What kinds of birth control are available and where to get it

Total:	16	7	10	66	1	=100
8-12:	13	5	7	73	2	=100
10-12:	14	6	9	68	3	=100
13-15:	30	11	20	37	2	=100

h. What sexually transmitted diseases are

Total:	26	5	24	44	1	=100
8-12:	25	4	23	47	1	=100
10-12:	27	6	27	38	2	=100
13-15:	40	8	39	12	1	=100

i. What AIDS is and how it is spread

Total:	30	5	30	34	1	=100
8-12:	33	6	29	31	1	=100
10-12:	34	7	36	22	1	=100
13-15:	37	7	45	11	*	=100

j. How to protect against getting AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases

Total:	23	5	24	47	1	=100
8-12:	23	5	21	50	1	=100
10-12:	25	8	26	40	1	=100
13-15:	36	6	41	15	2	=100

k. How to handle peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol

Total:	31	3	49	17	*	=100
8-12:	31	3	52	14	0	=100
10-12:	31	3	56	10	0	=100
13-15:	36	3	53	7	1	=100

Respondent Other Parent Both Respondent Neither
 Has Talked Has Talked And Other Parent Has Don=t Know/
About About Parent (Vol.) Talked About Refused

l. How alcohol and drugs might affect decisions about having sex

Total:	19	2	26	52	1	=100
8-12:	17	1	26	55	1	=100
10-12:	19	2	32	46	1	=100
13-15:	29	3	40	24	4	=100

17. When you talk with your child about these kinds of tough issues, do your conversations ever take place while you are driving in your car?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
64	67	70	69	Yes
34	32	29	29	No
1	*	*	*	Never have such conversations (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

18 .We=d like to know where you, yourself, are getting information or advice about talking to your children about tough issues like sex, drugs and violence. (First,) how much information or advice about talking with children do you get from...(INSERT **FIRST ITEM--READ AND ROTATE**): a lot, some, only a little, or none?

How much information or advice do you get from... a lot, some, only a little, or none?

		<u>A Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Don=t Know/Refused</u>	
a.	Other parents						
	Total:	14	35	24	27	*	=100
	8-12:	15	32	25	28	0	=100
	10-12:	12	34	29	25	0	=100
	13-15:	13	33	24	29	1	=100
c.	The media						
	Total:	22	34	23	21	*	=100
	8-12:	21	31	25	22	1	=100
	10-12:	26	35	22	17	*	=100
	13-15:	22	37	20	20	1	=100
d.	Books						
	Total:	40	33	14	13	*	=100
	8-12:	41	33	14	12	0	=100
	10-12:	38	36	15	11	0	=100
	13-15:	39	32	14	15	*	=100
e.	Doctors						
	Total:	17	26	19	38	*	=100
	8-12:	17	23	19	41	*	=100
	10-12:	18	25	19	38	*	=100
	13-15:	20	25	18	37	*	=100
f.	Clergy or church						
	Total:	26	24	16	34	*	=100
	8-12:	26	25	17	32	*	=100
	10-12:	28	26	17	29	*	=100
	13-15:	27	22	16	34	1	=100

g.	Things sent home from school or the PTA						
	Total:	11	29	25	34	1	=100
	8-12:	10	27	28	34	1	=100
	10-12:	10	27	30	32	1	=100
	13-15:	13	26	23	38	*	=100

19. Would it be helpful to you to get more information or advice about HOW OR WHEN to raise issues about sex, drugs and violence with your children, or do you have ALL the information and advice you need?

	<u>Child=s age</u>				
<u>Total</u>	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>		
47	49	49	38	Would be helpful	
52	50	50	62	Have all I need	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	Don=t know	
100	100	100	100		

20. Next, we=d like to know how much influence YOU THINK some different groups have on the way your child and other children (his or her) age think about issues like sex, drugs and violence.

(First/Next), how much influence (do/does)... have on the way they think about issues like sex, drugs and violence -- a lot of influence, some influence, only a little influence, or no influence?

How much influence (do/does) have on the way they think about these kinds of issues? a lot, some, only a little, or none?

		<u>A Lot Of</u>		<u>Only A</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/</u>	
		<u>Influence</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Influence</u>	<u>Refused</u>	
a.	Mothers						
	Total:	76	19	3	1	1	=100
	8-12:	78	18	2	1	1	=100
	10-12:	79	18	3	*	0	=100
	13-15:	70	22	5	1	2	=100
b.	Fathers						
	Total:	63	26	6	3	2	=100
	8-12:	66	24	6	3	1	=100
	10-12:	68	22	6	3	1	=100
	13-15:	54	32	7	5	2	=100

c.	Brothers and sisters						
	Total:	49	26	10	12	3	=100
	8-12:	49	25	11	12	3	=100
	10-12:	49	28	12	10	1	=100
	13-15:	49	24	11	12	4	=100
d.	Friends						
	Total:	66	21	7	5	1	=100
	8-12:	65	22	7	5	1	=100
	10-12:	64	25	6	4	1	=100
	13-15:	71	16	8	4	1	=100
e.	TV shows, movies and other entertainment media						
	Total:	60	27	9	3	1	=100
	8-12:	61	27	9	3	*	=100
	10-12:	59	29	9	3	0	=100
	13-15:	59	26	10	4	1	=100
f.	Magazines						
	Total:	25	36	24	14	1	=100
	8-12:	22	34	30	13	1	=100
	10-12:	21	40	30	9	*	=100
	13-15:	32	40	16	11	1	=100
			<u>A Lot Of</u>	<u>Only A</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/</u>	
			<u>Influence</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Influence</u>	<u>Refused</u>	
g.	The Internet						
	Total:	27	20	13	29	11	=100
	8-12:	24	22	16	29	9	=100
	10-12:	25	22	18	27	8	=100
	13-15:	28	23	12	24	13	=100
h.	Schools and teachers						
	Total:	47	36	12	3	2	=100
	8-12:	49	35	12	3	1	=100
	10-12:	48	35	14	2	1	=100
	13-15:	40	40	16	2	2	=100
i.	Churches, other religious organizations, or clergy						
	Total:	35	39	14	10	2	=100
	8-12:	37	38	15	9	1	=100
	10-12:	38	39	16	7	*	=100
	13-15:	34	38	16	11	1	=100

21. On another subject... We're interested in whether parents read certain magazines. Do you, yourself, read *Family Circle* magazine...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
8	8	9	7	Regularly
23	24	24	24	Sometimes
16	16	16	15	Hardly ever, OR
52	52	51	53	Never?
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	100	

- D8. Now I have just a few questions so we can describe the people who took part in our survey... In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
28	28	32	31	Republican
27	28	27	28	Democrat
35	36	33	30	Independent
*	*	*	1	Other party (VOL.)
7	5	5	7	None of these/No party (VOL.)
2	1	1	2	Don't know
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D9. Are you married, LIVING AS married, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
84	83	83	84	Married
2	2	3	2	Living as married
7	6	6	7	Divorced
2	2	2	3	Separated
1	1	1	1	Widowed
4	5	4	2	Never been married
*	0	0	0	Don't know
<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D10. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
1	*	1	2	None, or grade 1-8
8	9	10	7	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
35	34	34	36	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
6	5	4	5	Business, technical, or vocational school <i>after</i> high school
24	25	25	22	Some college, no 4-year degree
16	16	16	16	College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
9	10	9	11	Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college(e.g., toward a master=s degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)
*	*	*	0	Don't know
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D11. What is your age?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
10	10	9	1	Under 30
47	51	48	35	30 to 39
36	33	36	54	40 to 49
6	5	6	9	50 and older
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D12. Last year, that is in 1997, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
3	3	2	2	Less than \$10,000
6	5	6	7	\$10,000 to under \$20,000
13	13	13	11	\$20,000 to under \$30,000
27	27	25	27	\$30,000 to under \$50,000
23	25	28	20	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
10	10	9	9	\$75,000 to under \$100,000
9	9	9	14	\$100,000 or more
2	1	1	4	Don't know
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D13. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
10	10	11	10	Yes
89	89	88	89	No
0	0	0	0	Don=t know
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D14. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

IF R SAYS AHISPANIC@ OR ALATINO@ ASK: Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino?

Total	Child=s age			
	8-12	10-12	13-15	
82	81	82	82	White
11	12	12	12	Black/African-American
2	1	1	2	Asian
3	4	4	2	Other or mixed race
0	0	0	0	Don't know
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

D15. What is your religious preference -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or some other religion?

D16. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D17. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Child=s age</u>			
	<u>8-12</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
60	61	63	61	Total Protestant/Christian
32	33	36	32	Evangelical
26	26	26	27	Non-Evangelical
25	26	25	27	Roman Catholic
2	2	1	2	Jewish
2	2	2	1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
*	*	0	*	Orthodox Church (Greek, Russian, etc.)
3	3	3	2	Other religion
7	5	5	7	No religion/Atheist/Agnostic (VOL.)
1	1	*	*	Don=t know
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused
100	100	100	100	

Child Interview; n=348 children aged 10-15; n=161 children aged 10-12; n=187 children aged 13-15.

CHILD INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research. I'm going to ask you a few questions for a national poll of kids and teens. This interview is completely confidential -- no one who knows you will ever be told your answers. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of my questions, just let me know.

C1. Here's my first question... When something is bothering you, how often are you able to talk it over with... **(INSERT--READ AND ROTATE)** always, usually, sometimes, or never?

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Usually</u>	<u>Some- times</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No Mother</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Your mother							
Total:	34	30	31	2	2	0	=100
10-12:	39	24	33	1	3	0	=100
13-15:	28	36	30	3	3	0	=100

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Usually</u>	<u>Some- times</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No Father</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>	
b. Your father							
Total:	16	21	44	10	8	1	=100
10-12:	19	21	44	8	7	1	=100
13-15:	14	21	43	12	10	*	=100

C2. We'd like to know if your MOTHER has a good understanding of some different kinds of problems and situations you and your friends face in your everyday lives...

(First,) what about the problems and situations you face having to do with... **(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER)**? Does your mother have a good understanding of this, or not?

	<u>Yes, Good Understanding</u>	<u>No, Not A Good Understanding</u>	<u>Doesn't Apply/ Don't Face Problems in This Area (Vol.)</u>	<u>No Mother</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
a. Alcohol and drugs						
Total:	90	2	3	2	2	=100
10-12:	91	2	3	1	3	=100
13-15:	89	5	2	3	1	=100
b. Violence						
Total:	89	4	1	2	4	=100
10-12:	89	3	*	1	7	=100
13-15:	88	5	2	3	2	=100

C2. *Continued...*

	<u>Yes, Good Understanding</u>	<u>No, Not A Good Understanding</u>	<u>Doesn=t Apply/ Don=t Face Problems in This Area (Vol.)</u>	<u>No Mother</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
c. AIDS						
Total:	83	5	3	2	7	=100
10-12:	82	7	3	1	7	=100
13-15:	85	3	4	3	5	=100
d. Sex						
Total:	84	6	2	2	6	=100
10-12:	79	8	3	1	9	=100
13-15:	89	3	1	3	3	=100

Now I=d like you to tell me if your FATHER has a good understanding of these same things...

We=d like to know if your FATHER has a good understanding of some different kinds of problems and situations you and your friends face in your everyday lives...

C3. (First,) what about the problems and situations you face having to do with... **(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER)**? Does your father have a good understanding of this, or not?

	<u>Yes, Good Understanding</u>	<u>No, Not A Good Understanding</u>	<u>Doesn=t Apply/ Don=t Face Problems in This Area (Vol.)</u>	<u>No Father</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
a. Alcohol and drugs						
Total:	79	5	3	10	3	=100
10-12:	78	6	3	8	5	=100
13-15:	81	4	2	12	1	=100
b. Violence						
Total:	80	6	2	10	2	=100
10-12:	79	8	1	8	4	=100
13-15:	81	4	3	12	0	=100
c. AIDS						
Total:	80	6	2	10	2	=100
10-12:	79	8	1	8	4	=100
13-15:	81	4	3	12	0	=100

d.	Sex							
	Total:	69	10	4	10	7	=100	
	10-12:	64	14	4	8	10	=100	
	13-15:	74	5	4	12	5	=100	

C4. We=d like to know who you would FIRST talk with to get advice and guidance in each of the following situa

(First,) who would you first talk with for advice and guidance... **(INSERT--READ AND ROTATE):** your n
 sister, friends, an adult at school, or someone else?

	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Brother/ Sister</u>	<u>Friends</u>	<u>Adult at School</u>	<u>Someone Else</u>	<u>A Parent (Not Specifically Respondent Or Other Parent (Vol.)</u>	<u>Wouldn=t Talk to Anyone (Vol.)</u>
a. If someone offered you drugs								
Total:	37	18	8	9	10	3	12	2
10-12:	44	16	4	5	15	2	12	*
13-15:	31	20	12	13	4	4	12	3
b. If someone threatened you with violence								
Total:	29	28	7	7	13	3	11	1
10-12:	33	29	7	3	17	1	9	1
13-15:	25	27	7	12	10	4	13	*
c. About dealing with pressure to have sex								
Total:	43	16	10	13	4	2	6	2
10-12:	55	16	6	5	4	1	5	3
13-15:	32	15	14	21	4	4	6	2
d. About dealing with pressure to drink alcohol								
Total:	33	27	8	11	4	3	11	1
10-12:	34	31	3	7	5	4	12	1
13-15:	30	23	13	16	3	2	10	2

C4. *Continued...*

	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Brother/ Sister</u>	<u>Friends</u>	<u>Adult At School</u>	<u>Someone Else</u>	<u>A Parent (Not Specifically Respondent Or Other Parent (Vol.)</u>	<u>Wouldn't Talk to Anyone (Vol.)</u>
e. If you were thinking about having sex								
Total:	36	16	9	18	2	2	6	3
10-12:	49	16	6	9	*	2	3	2
13-15:	24	16	12	27	4	1	9	4
f. If someone brought a gun to school								
Total:	17	11	1	7	55	1	5	2
10-12:	14	12	1	2	67	*	4	0
13-15:	19	9	2	12	44	1	7	5

Based on children aged 13-15; n=187.

g. If you were worried that you got someone pregnant/If you were worried that you were pregnant								
Total:	36	12	11	15	4	5	11	1
Boys:	32	15	9	9	6	4	16	2
Girls:	42	8	14	23	0	6	5	0

C5. Now tell me which of the following subjects, IF ANY, you have ever talked about with your parents. (First/Next), what about...(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER) -- have you talked about this subject with your mother, your father, both of them, or neither of them? What about ...

		<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a.	Alcohol or drugs						
	Total:	18	4	62	16	0	=100
	10-12:	22	4	53	21	0	=100
	13-15:	14	5	71	10	0	=100
b.	How to handle situations that might become violent						
	Total:	16	10	52	21	1	=100
	10-12:	17	11	50	21	1	=100
	13-15:	16	8	55	21	1	=100
c.	AIDS						
	Total:	23	5	39	31	2	=100
	10-12:	23	5	33	37	2	=100
	13-15:	24	6	45	24	1	=100
d.	The basic facts about sexual reproduction, as in how babies are made						
	Total:	33	5	37	24	1	=100
	10-12:	38	5	29	27	1	=100
	13-15:	28	6	47	19	*	=100
e.	Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active						
	Total:	26	8	28	36	2	=100
	10-12:	23	8	21	46	2	=100
	13-15:	30	8	34	26	2	=100
f.	How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases						
	Total:	27	7	31	34	1	=100
	10-12:	24	7	21	47	1	=100
	13-15:	31	7	40	21	1	=100

Questions C6 & C7 are based on children who talked with parent interviewed about alcohol/drugs; total n=275; n=115 children aged 10-12; n=160 children aged 13-15.

C6. Thinking about the conversations you=ve had with your (father/mother) about ALCOHOL OR DRUGS... In general, did (he/she) seem... **(INSERT--READ AND ROTATE)**?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Embarrassed				
Total:	4	94	2	=100
10-12:	5	90	5	=100
13-15:	4	96	0	=100
b. Caught off-guard				
Total:	14	79	7	=100
10-12:	11	75	14	=100
13-15:	17	82	1	=100
c. Judgmental or critical				
Total:	21	63	16	=100
10-12:	21	53	26	=100
13-15:	22	70	8	=100
d. Helpful				
Total:	94	3	3	=100
10-12:	94	3	3	=100
13-15:	93	3	4	=100
e. Out-of-touch or old-fashioned				
Total:	22	70	8	=100
10-12:	20	68	12	=100
13-15:	23	72	5	=100
f. Like (he/she) wanted to avoid talking about it				
Total:	9	89	2	=100
10-12:	11	86	3	=100
13-15:	8	91	1	=100

C7. How did YOU feel about talking with your (father/mother) about ALCOHOL OR DRUGS?

a. Did you feel glad to be able to talk about it, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
91	91	92	Yes
5	6	4	No
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

...

b. Did you feel you got good ideas about how to handle problems or situations in this area, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
95	91	94	Yes
2	1	3	No
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were able to talk about everything that was on your mind, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
78	81	76	Yes
21	18	23	No
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

Questions C8 & C9 are based on children who talked with parent interviewed about violence; total n=240; n=111 children aged 10-12; n=129 children aged 13-15.

C8. Thinking about the conversations you=ve had with your (father/mother) about VIOLENCE... In general, did (he/she) seem...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Embarrassed				
Total:	2	97	1	=100
10-12:	2	96	2	=100
13-15:	2	97	1	=100
b. Caught off-guard				
Total:	7	90	3	=100
10-12:	8	87	5	=100
13-15:	6	94	0	=100
c. Judgmental or critical				
Total:	19	72	9	=100
10-12:	20	64	16	=100
13-15:	17	80	3	=100
d. Helpful				
Total:	98	1	1	=100
10-12:	98	0	2	=100
13-15:	98	1	1	=100
e. Out-of-touch or old-fashioned				
Total:	13	80	7	=100
10-12:	12	79	9	=100
13-15:	13	81	6	=100
f. Like (he/she) wanted to avoid talking about it				
Total:	9	90	1	=100
10-12:	11	86	3	=100
13-15:	6	94	0	=100

C9. How did YOU feel about talking with your (father/mother) about VIOLENCE?

a. Did you feel glad to be able to talk about it, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
94	93	95	Yes
4	5	5	No
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you got good ideas about how to handle problems or situations in this area, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
96	95	98	Yes
3	4	1	No
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were able to talk about everything that was on your mind, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
86	90	83	Yes
13	8	16	No
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

Questions C10 & C11 are based on children who talked with parent interviewed about AIDS; n=209; n=87 children aged 10-12; n=122 children aged 13-15.

C10. Thinking about the conversations you've had with your (father/mother) about AIDS... In general, did (he/she) seem...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a. Embarrassed				
Total:	9	90	1	=100
10-12:	9	91	0	=100
13-15:	9	89	2	=100
b. Caught off-guard				
Total:	12	86	2	=100
10-12:	10	87	3	=100
13-15:	14	86	*	=100
c. Judgmental or critical				
Total:	19	74	7	=100
10-12:	17	72	11	=100
13-15:	20	76	4	=100
d. Helpful				
Total:	95	4	1	=100
10-12:	96	4	0	=100
13-15:	95	4	1	=100
e. Out-of-touch or old-fashioned				
Total:	15	81	4	=100
10-12:	12	85	3	=100
13-15:	18	78	4	=100
f. Like (he/she) wanted to avoid talking about it				
Total:	9	90	1	=100
10-12:	11	89	0	=100
13-15:	8	91	1	=100

C11. How did YOU feel about talking with your (father/mother) about AIDS?

a. Did you feel glad to be able to talk about it, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
95	97	94	Yes
4	2	5	No
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you got good ideas about how to handle problems or situations in this area, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
97	99	96	Yes
2	1	4	No
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were able to talk about everything that was on your mind, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
85	87	84	Yes
15	13	16	No
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

Questions C12 & C13 are based on children who talked with parent interviewed about sex; n=253; n=106 children aged 10-12; n=147 children aged 13-15.

C12. Thinking about the conversations you've had with your (father/ mother) about SEX... In general, did (he/she) seem...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>	<u>Missing</u>	
a. Embarrassed					
Total:	12	80	1	7	=100
10-12:	10	78	0	12	=100
13-15:	14	81	2	3	=100
b. Caught off-guard					
Total:	20	71	2	7	=100
10-12:	19	68	1	12	=100
13-15:	22	72	2	3	=100
c. Judgmental or critical					
Total:	20	69	4	7	=100
10-12:	20	63	5	12	=100
13-15:	20	74	3	3	=100
d. Helpful					
Total:	87	6	0	7	=100
10-12:	81	7	0	12	=100
13-15:	91	6	0	3	=100
e. Out-of-touch or old-fashioned					
Total:	20	69	4	7	=100
10-12:	21	64	3	12	=100
13-15:	19	74	4	3	=100
f. Like (he/she) wanted to avoid talking about it					
Total:	13	80	*	7	=100
10-12:	11	77	0	12	=100
13-15:	14	82	1	3	=100

C13. How did YOU feel about talking with your (father/mother) about SEX?

a. Did you feel glad to be able to talk about it, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
84	82	85	Yes
7	5	9	No
2	1	3	Don=t know/Refused
<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	Missing
100	100	100	

b. Did you feel you got good ideas about how to handle problems or situations in this area, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
88	82	93	Yes
4	6	1	No
1	0	2	Don=t know/Refused
<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	Missing
100	100	100	

c. Did you feel you were able to talk about everything that was on your mind, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
75	73	77	Yes
17	15	18	No
1	0	2	Don=t know/Refused
<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	Missing
100	100	100	

C14. Please tell me if you would generally feel more comfortable talking with your mother or your father about each of the following subjects. If you=d feel equally comfortable talking with your mom or your dad about something, or if you wouldn=t feel comfortable talking with either one of them about it, just say so. (First,) what about... **(INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER)**? (Would you feel more comfortable talking with your mother or father about this?)

	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Equally Comfortable Talking With Either Parent</u>	<u>Wouldn=t Feel Comfortable Talking With Either Parent</u>	<u>No Mother/ No Father</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
a. Alcohol or drugs							
Total:	23	22	41	1	12	1	=100
10-12:	30	19	38	1	9	3	=100
13-15:	15	25	43	2	15	0	=100
b. How to handle potentially violent situations							
Total:	18	32	36	2	12	*	=100
10-12:	22	32	33	2	9	2	=100
13-15:	13	31	39	2	15	*	=100
c. AIDS							
Total:	33	12	35	5	12	3	=100
10-12:	37	12	32	5	9	5	=100
13-15:	29	13	37	4	15	2	=100
d. The basic facts about sexual reproduction, as in how babies are made							
Total:	44	12	23	5	12	4	=100
10-12:	50	10	21	4	9	6	=100
13-15:	39	14	25	6	15	1	=100
e. Issues about relationships and becoming sexually active							
Total:	42	15	20	7	12	4	=100
10-12:	44	14	21	7	9	5	=100
13-15:	39	17	20	7	15	2	=100
f. How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases							
Total:	40	11	29	5	12	4	=100
10-12:	46	9	26	4	9	6	=100
13-15:	34	13	31	6	15	1	=100

C15. Now we'd like to know which of the following things, IF ANY, you would like to know more about. Would you like to know more about...?

	<u>Yes, Would Like To Know More</u>	<u>No, Would Not Know Any More</u>	<u>Don=t Need To Know Any More</u>	<u>Don=t Know/Refused</u>	
a. What to do if someone brings guns to school					
Total:	46	50	3	1	=100
10-12:	50	46	3	1	=100
13-15:	41	55	4	*	=100
b. Homosexuality					
Total:	23	70	3	4	=100
10-12:	28	62	3	7	=100
13-15:	19	78	3	0	=100
c. How to know when you are ready to have a sexual relationship					
Total:	43	50	4	3	=100
10-12:	43	49	3	4	=100
13-15:	42	52	5	1	=100
d. How to handle pressure from friends or a (boyfriend/girlfriend/boyfriend or girlfriend) to have sex					
Total:	42	53	3	2	=100
10-12:	44	49	2	5	=100
13-15:	39	56	5	*	=100
e. How girls get pregnant					
Total:	22	72	4	2	=100
10-12:	25	69	3	3	=100
13-15:	19	77	4	0	=100
f. What kinds of birth control are available and where to get it					
Total:	31	64	2	3	=100
10-12:	31	61	2	6	=100
13-15:	30	66	3	1	=100

g.	What sexually transmitted diseases are					
	Total:	43	52	3	2	=100
	10-12:	47	48	2	3	=100
	13-15:	39	56	5	0	=100
			Yes, Would Like No,	Don=t Need To	Don=t Know/	
			<u>To Know More</u>	<u>Would Not</u>	<u>Know Any More</u>	<u>Refused</u>
h.	What AIDS and how it is spread					
	Total:	42	53	4	1	=100
	10-12:	48	45	4	3	=100
	13-15:	37	60	3	0	=100
i.	How to protect against getting AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases					
	Total:	46	50	3	2	=100
	10-12:	50	45	2	3	=100
	13-15:	42	55	3	0	=100
j.	How to handle peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol					
	Total:	41	55	3	1	=100
	10-12:	40	56	1	3	=100
	13-15:	42	55	3	0	=100
k.	How alcohol and drugs might affect decisions about having sex					
	Total:	41	55	3	1	=100
	10-12:	43	53	1	3	=100
	13-15:	39	57	4	0	=100
l.	Drinking and driving					
	Total:	23	71	5	1	=100
	10-12:	27	64	6	3	=100
	13-15:	18	77	4	1	=100
m.	How to handle potentially violent situations					
	Total:	47	49	2	2	=100
	10-12:	50	48	0	2	=100
	13-15:	44	51	4	1	=100

n. How to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

Total:	39	56	3	3	=100
10-12:	38	56	2	4	=100
13-15:	40	53	3	1	=100

C16. Please tell me how much you think children your age find out about issues like sex, drugs and violence from each of the following. (First,) how much do children your age find out issues like sex, drugs and violence from... **(INSERT--READ AND ROTATE):** (a lot, some, only a little, or nothing)?

		<u>A Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only A Little</u>	<u>Nothing</u>	<u>Don=t Know/ Refused</u>	
a.	Mothers						
	Total:	38	34	18	8	2	=100
	10-12:	38	33	14	12	3	=100
	13-15:	38	34	22	4	2	=100
b.	Fathers						
	Total:	31	34	22	9	4	=100
	10-12:	34	30	19	12	5	=100
	13-15:	29	38	24	6	3	=100
c.	Brothers and sisters						
	Total:	23	29	27	18	3	=100
	10-12:	15	30	25	27	3	=100
	13-15:	33	28	28	9	2	=100
d.	Friends						
	Total:	47	21	17	13	2	=100
	10-12:	31	23	20	23	3	=100
	13-15:	64	19	14	3	*	=100
e.	TV shows, movies and other entertainment media						
	Total:	49	26	17	6	2	=100
	10-12:	38	28	19	10	5	=100
	13-15:	61	23	14	2	0	=100
f.	Magazines						
	Total:	26	31	28	11	4	=100
	10-12:	24	25	31	15	5	=100
	13-15:	29	36	26	6	3	=100

g.	The Internet							
	Total:	35	17	19	21	8	=100	
	10-12:	30	18	16	27	9	=100	
	13-15:	40	17	22	15	6	=100	
				Only A		Don=t Know/		
		<u>A Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Nothing</u>	<u>Refused</u>		
h.	Schools and teachers							
	Total:	41	25	20	12	2	=100	
	10-12:	38	21	17	19	5	=100	
	13-15:	44	29	22	5	*	=100	
i.	Churches, other religious organizations, or clergy							
	Total:	19	21	29	27	4	=100	
	10-12:	20	13	25	38	4	=100	
	13-15:	19	30	32	16	3	=100	

C17. From which of the following have YOU found out the most about ALCOHOL AND DRUGS?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
21	27	17	Your mother
9	8	9	Your father
6	3	10	Brothers and sisters
9	2	15	Friends
9	10	8	TV shows, movies, and other entertainment media
2	2	1	Magazines
1	2	1	The Internet
22	25	20	Your school or teachers, OR
2	3	0	Your church, religion, or clergy?
13	13	12	Parents (not specifically mother or father) (VOL.)
2	1	4	(Other (VOL.))
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

C18. And from which of these same groups have YOU found out the most about VIOLENCE?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
17	26	9	Your mother
12	13	10	Your father
5	3	6	Brothers and sisters
8	4	12	Friends
24	22	27	TV shows, movies, and other entertainment media
2	2	1	Magazines
1	1	1	The Internet
15	13	16	Your school or teachers, OR
*	*	*	Your church, religion, or clergy?
12	11	13	Parents (not specifically mother or father) (VOL.)
1	1	2	Other (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

C19. And from which of these same groups have YOU found out the most about AIDS?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
22	24	20	Your mother
7	9	5	Your father
1	1	1	Brothers and sisters
2	1	3	Friends
11	11	10	TV shows, movies, and other entertainment media
2	2	2	Magazines
1	*	1	The Internet
33	23	44	Your school or teachers, OR
1	2	1	Your church, religion, or clergy?
10	12	9	Parents (not specifically mother or father) (VOL.)
2	1	3	Other (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

C20. And from which of these same groups have YOU found out the most about SEX?

<u>Total</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	
30	35	25	Your mother
10	10	9	Your father
4	2	5	Brothers and sisters
9	3	16	Friends
6	6	7	TV shows, movies, and other entertainment media
2	2	*	Magazines
2	4	1	The Internet
17	13	21	Your school or teachers, OR
*	1	0	Your church, religion, or clergy?
12	14	11	Parents (not specifically mother or father) (VOL.)
2	0	3	(Other (VOL.))
<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	Don=t know/Refused
100	100	100	

END INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for taking the time to talk to me. We really appreciate it.