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| Name of the inventory | | The Parenting Scale |
| Purpose: | | Measure dysfunctional discipline styles in parents by asking about the probability with which the parent use particular discipline strategies. |
| Developers/ citation | | Arnold, D.S., O'Leary, S. G., Wolff, L. S., Acker, M. M. (1993). The Parenting Scale: A measure of dysfunctional parenting in discipline situations. Psychological Assessment, 5(2), 137-144. |
| Year | | 1993 |
| Targeted user | | Parents |
| Description | No. of questions | 30 |
| | Scale | 7-point |
| | Data collection format | Self report |
| | Scoring key | <p>All items are scored on a 7 point scale, with low scores indicating good parenting and high scores indicating dysfunctional parenting. There are three factors on the Parenting Scale: Laxness (LX), Over-reactivity (OR), and Hostility (HS). There are several items that are not a factor (NF). Items are listed below by factor and it is noted whether the "ideal" anchor is on the left (L) or the right-hand (R) side. If the "Ideal" anchor is on the left, the left anchor is scored 1. If the "ideal" anchor is on the right, scoring is reversed. To achieve a factor score, sum the items in that factor and divide by the number of items in that factor.</p> <p>LX (laxness) 12, 16, 21 - L; 19, 30 - R --> LX SUM; factor score = Sum /5)</p> <p>OR (over-reactivity) 3, 6, 10, 14, 17 - R --> OR SUM; factor score = Sum /5)</p> <p>HS (hostility) 18, 25, 28 - L --> HS SUM; factor score = Sum /3)</p> <p>NF (not a factor) 1,4,5,7,8,11,15,22,24,29 - L; 2,9,13,20,23,26,27 - R --> NF Sum</p> |

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| | | $Total = (LX + OR + VB + NF)$ $Total\ Scale\ Score = (Total / 30)$ |
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