

VMG

LIFE EVENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

VERSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 18

NAME OF CHILD:

DATE OF BIRTH:

GENDER:

MALE

FEMALE

QUESTIONNAIRE
COMPLETED ON:

PHASE OF TREATMENT:

QUESTIONNAIRE
COMPLETED BY:

MOTHER

FATHER

STEPMOTHER

STEPFATHER

ADOPTIVE MOTHER

ADOPTIVE FATHER

FOSTER MOTHER

FOSTER FATHER

BOTH PARENTS

OTHER

Explanation

The following list contains 15 experiences children may have. Each experience description is followed by the question whether this event has taken place (answer: 'No' or 'Yes'). Please only answer Yes if the event has taken place during the lifetime of the child for which you are filling in this questionnaire. A Yes answer is followed by the following two questions:

1. When was the last time this happened (fill in a date)
2. Was the child's (i.e., not your own) experience of this at the time 'Positive' or 'Negative'?

If you are not sure about the exact date an event took place, make an estimate (for example: if something happened during the summer of 1999, write: '01-07-1999'). If a child has experienced something more than once, fill in when this happened last. For some experiences (for example: "One of the grandparents died") it may seem strange to ask whether it was a 'Positive' or 'Negative' experience for the child. Nevertheless, please select one of the answers. You may begin now.



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Select what applies to your situation and if applicable fill in the answers to follow up questions on the dotted lines.

- 1 A brother or sister was added to the family.
Explanation: this may be through birth, adoption or foster care placement that lasted longer than one year.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 2 The child was admitted to a hospital.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 3 One of the parents was admitted to a hospital.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 4 A brother or sister was admitted to a hospital.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 5 One of the grandparents died.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 6 A brother or sister died.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 7 One of the parents died.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 8 One of the parents was unemployed for more than six months.
- No
 Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative

- 9 The parent who originally had the main parenting role started working at least two days a week.
Explanation: usually the parent with the main parenting role is the mother, but this may also be the father. Weekend, evening or night shifts also count here, provided they fill at least two days (=16 hours) per week.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 10 The child changed schools.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 11 The family moved.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 12 An adult was added to the family.
Explanation: For instance a grandfather, grandmother, or other family member; for stepfather or stepmother: see question 13.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 13 The child got a stepfather or stepmother.
Explanation: this may be due to marriage or through one of the parents deciding to live with his/her partner.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 14 A brother or sister left the family.
Explanation: This may be due to marriage, getting his/her own place or permanent placement in a foster family or institution.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative
- 15 One of the parents left the house permanently due to divorce or parents no longer wishing to live together.
- No
- Yes → If “Yes”:
- When did this happen last? Date: - -
 - The child’s experience of this event: Positive Negative

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!