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**CARER2**

Assignment No.				
File No.				
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Dwelling				
Household				
Family				
Information from Person				

**WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey**

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**Carer's Questionnaire  
(Caregiver 2 Questions)**

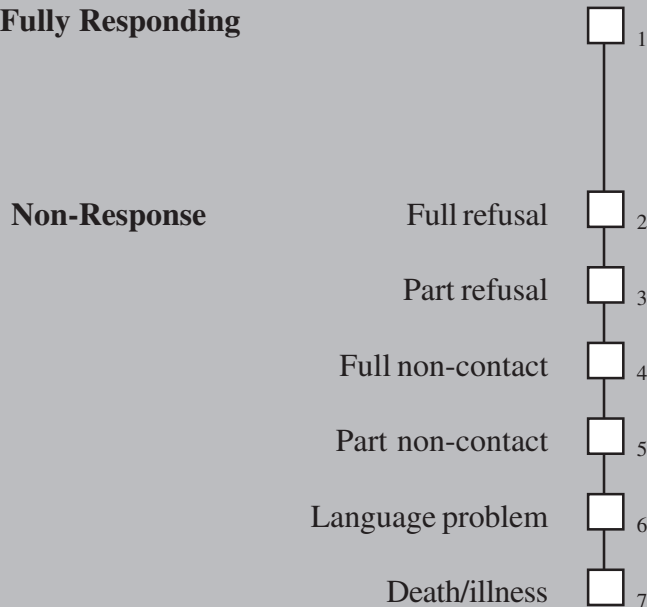
**A Introductory Statement**

This form asks about you as a parent/caregiver of children under the age of 18 years. Your health and family life are important for your children's health. What affects your health and wellbeing also affects your children. It is for this reason that we ask questions about your involvement with Aboriginal culture, your language, schooling and employment.

**B Confidentiality**

This form is voluntary and it is OK if there are some questions you would prefer not to answer. All of the information you give will be kept private by the research team.

**C Fully Responding**



**Interviewer:**  
**Complete information for Q1**  
**and use information to confirm**  
**Household Record Form**

**1** First or given name:

Family name:

**The next questions are about you and your involvement in Aboriginal cultural activities.**

**2a** What is the **main** language you speak?

- English
- Broken English
- Aboriginal English
- Pidgin English
- Creole
- Aboriginal Language
- Other (Please specify)

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**2b** Do you speak an Aboriginal language?

- No
- A few words
- A conversation

- 1
- 2
- 3

**2c** Do any of your children speak an Aboriginal language ?

- No
- A few words
- A conversation

- 1
- 2
- 3

**2d** Do any of your children understand this language?

- No
- A few words
- A conversation

- 1
- 2
- 3

**3a** Over the past 12 months have you gone to any:

- Aboriginal funerals?
- Aboriginal ceremonies?
- Aboriginal festivals/carnivals involving arts and crafts, music, dance or sport?
- Been involved with any Aboriginal Organisation?
- None of these

- 1
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**Interviewer:**  
**If yes to any of the questions in Q3a then go to Q3c.**

**3b** You mentioned that you had not gone to any Aboriginal events in the past 12 months. Is this because you:

- Didn't have any family involved?
- Had no way of getting there (no transport)?
- Couldn't afford to go?
- Weren't interested?
- Other (Please specify)

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**3c** How important is Aboriginal Ceremonial Business to you?

- Important
- Not important
- Not relevant
- Don't know

- 1
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**I now want to ask you about going to school.**

**4a** Did you go to school?

No [Go to Q5a(i)]

Yes

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**4b** What was the highest grade you finished at school?

**4c** Have you enrolled in any courses since leaving school?

No [Go to Q5a(i)]

Yes

1  
 2

**4d** Have you received any qualifications since leaving school?

No [Go to Q5a(i)]

Yes

1  
 2

**4e** What qualifications do you have?

Trade/apprenticeship

Certificate from college

Diploma (beyond Year 12)

Bachelor Degree

Post Graduate diploma/higher degree

Other (Please specify)

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**The next questions are about working**

**5a(i)** Have you ever worked in a job where you got paid?

No (Go to Q5i)

Yes

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**5a(ii)** Do you have a job at the moment?

No (Go to Q5i)

Yes

1  
 2

**5b** Last week did you work at all in a job, business or farm?

No (Go to Q5f)

Yes

1  
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**5c** What kind of work did you do in your main job?

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**5d** For the job where you work the most hours, do you work:

For an employer for wages or salary (exclude CDEP)?

For CDEP scheme?

In your own business?

Without pay in a family business?

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**5e** In all of the jobs you had, how many hours did you work last week?

Total hours (Go to Q5g)

None

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5f Why didn't you work last week?

On holiday

 1

Sick

 2

Just started this week

 3

Other (please specify)

 4  
  

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6a Which words best describes your family's money situation?

We are spending more money than we get

 1

We have just enough money to get us through to the next pay day

 2

There's some money left over each week, but we just spend it

 3

We can save a bit every now and again

 4

We can save a lot

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5g How many employers have you worked for in the past 12 months?

**Interviewer:  
Include CDEP work**

Number of Employers

Own business

 88

None (Go to Q5i)

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5h How many months have you worked in the past 12 months?

Total months (Go to Q5k)

5i You mentioned that you were not working at the moment. Have you been looking for work?

No

 1

Yes

 2

5j How long have you been without work?

Total months

5k Do you do any unpaid voluntary work?

No

 1

Yes

 2

6b Thinking about how the family's money situation was 12 months ago, is the family better off now/this year?

No

 1

Yes

 2

The same

 3

6c Which of these groupings would best describe your income for the past 2 weeks from all sources (eg wages, CDEP, pensions and study allowances etc)?

**Interviewer:  
Please show Prompt Card.**

**If annual figure is provided then record in 'Other' and state 'annual'.**

a \$1-\$199

 1

b \$200 - \$399

 2

c \$400 - \$599

 3

d \$600 - \$799

 4

e \$800 - \$1999

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f \$2000 and over

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g None

 7

h Someone else's

 8

i Don't know

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j Other (Please specify)

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**These next questions are about your health and family life. Some of these questions may seem quite personal but we need to ask them so that we can develop better health and family services for Aboriginal families.**

**I would now like to ask you a few questions about your health.**

**Interviewer:  
Please remind respondent to fill out consent form.**

**7a** Do you have any medical conditions which have/or will last for 6 months or more?

No (Go to Q7c)

Yes (Please specify)

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**7b** Are you limited in any way in doing normal daily activities because of a medical or health problem?

No

Yes

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**7c** Have you ever been treated for emotional problems (like 'nerves')?

No (Go to Q8)

Yes

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 2

**7d** Was this within the past 6 months, that is since .....(local event)?

No

Yes

 1  
 2

**7e** Were you ever treated in a hospital for 'nerves'?

No

Yes

 1  
 2

**7f** Have you ever been given counselling or any other treatment by your doctor or other health worker for emotional problems/nerves?

No

Yes

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**The next question is about health care cards issued by the government.**

**8** Do you have any health care or concession cards issued by:

**Interviewer:  
Show prompt card.**

Veterans Affairs (White card or Gold card)

CENTRELINK/Social Security

Disability Services

Health Insurance Commission (Safety Net Concession Card/Entitlement Card)

None

Other (Please specify)

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**The next questions are about alcohol and gambling.**

**9a** Does overuse of alcohol cause problems in this household?

No (Go to Q9c)

Yes

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**9b** What sort of problems does it cause?

Money shortages (eg can't pay bills)

Disruptions to household (eg people can't get to sleep)

Marriage troubles (eg arguments)

Family violence (eg hitting, shoving, yelling)

Other (Please specify)

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**9c** Does betting or gambling cause problems in this household?

No (Go to Q10a)

Yes

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**9d** What sort of problems does it cause?

Money shortages (eg can't pay bills)

Disruptions to household (eg people can't get to sleep)

Marriage troubles (eg arguments)

Family violence (eg hitting, shoving, yelling)

Other (Please specify)

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**The next questions are about smoking.**

**10a** Have you ever smoked cigarettes regularly?

No (Go to Q10f)

Yes

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 2

**10b** Do you still smoke cigarettes?

No (Go to Q10f)

Yes

1  
 2

**10c** In the past 6 months, that is since ....., have you tried to cut down or quit smoking?

No (Go to Q10e)

Yes

1  
 2

**10d** Were you able to cut down or quit?

No

Yes

1  
 2

**10e** Do you smoke inside this house/ place?

No

Yes

1  
 2

**10f** How many of the other people who live here smoke inside this house/ place?

**I would now like to ask about pensions, allowances or benefits you may receive.**

**11a** Do you receive any of these?

**Interviewer:**  
**Show prompt card.**

Australian Aged Pension

Newstart Allowance

Youth Allowance

Mature Age Allowance

Service Pension (DVA)

Disability Support Pensions (DFaCS)

Wife pension

Carer payment

Sickness allowance

Widow allowance (DFaCS)

Special benefit

Partner allowance

Family allowance

No/None of these

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**11b** Do you receive any of these?

**Interviewer:**  
**Show prompt card.**

War Widows Pension (DVA)

Disability Pension (DVA)

Ausstudy/Abstudy

Child Disability Allowance

Parenting Payment

Carer Allowance

Overseas Pension/Benefits

No/None of these

Other (Please specify)

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The next questions are about **FORCED SEPARATION** of children from their families and **FORCED RELOCATION** of people.

12a Please tell me if you don't want to answer these questions?

Not Aboriginal (Go to Q13)

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Don't want to answer (Go to Q13)

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12b Were you taken away from your natural family by a mission, the government or welfare?

**Interviewer:**

**Forced separations only. Make field note on any other circumstances mentioned.**

No

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Yes

2

Don't want to answer

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12c Were either of your parents taken away from their natural family by a mission, the government or welfare?

No

1

Yes, mother

2

Yes, father

3

Don't know

99

Don't want to answer

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12d Were you or either of your parents forced to move from an area which was your traditional country or homeland?

No, parents

1

Yes, parents

2

No, self

3

Yes, self

4

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**Thank you no more questions on this form.**

**Reminder: Please fill out adult consent form.**