

Assessment:

Parent/Adolescent Communication - Jaccard (PACJ)

Scale items for adolescents:

1. I would be embarrassed talking to my mother about sex and birth control.
2. My mother would not want to answer my questions about sex and birth control.
3. My mother would only lecture me if I tried to talk to her about sex and birth control.
4. I don't need to talk to my mother about sex and birth control; I know what I need to know.
5. My mother doesn't know enough for me to want to talk with her about sex and birth control.
6. My mother would not be honest with me if I talked with her about sex and birth control.
7. My mother is too old to be able to relate to me about sex and birth control.
8. I would only make my mother suspicious of me if I tried to talk to her about sex and birth control.
9. It would be difficult to find a convenient time and place to talk to my mother about sex and birth control.
10. My mother is just too busy to talk to me about sex and birth control.
11. My mother would ask me too many personal questions if I tried to talk with her about sex and birth control.
12. My mother doesn't want to hear what I have to say when it comes to sex and birth control.
13. My mother and I would only argue if we were to talk about sex and birth control.
14. My mother would be embarrassed talking to me about sex and birth control.
15. I would have a difficult time being honest about my behavior with my mother if we were to talk about sex and birth control.
16. My mother would get angry if I tried to talk to her about sex and birth control.

Scale items for mothers or caregivers.

1. I really don't know enough about sex and birth control to talk about it with my son.
2. It would embarrass me to talk about sex and birth control with my son.
3. It would embarrass my son to talk with me about sex and birth control.
4. My son would not take me seriously if I tried to talk with him about sex and birth control.
5. It would be difficult for me to explain things if I talked with my son about sex and birth control.
6. My son will get the information somewhere else, so I don't really need to talk with him about sex and birth control.
7. It wouldn't do much good if I talked with my son about sex and birth control.
8. I don't need to talk with my son about sex and birth control; he knows what he needs to know.
9. My son would not be honest with me if I talked with him about sex and birth control.
10. My son will think that I do not trust him if I try to talk to him about sex and birth control.
11. It would be difficult to find a convenient time and place to talk to my son about sex and birth control.

12. My son is just too busy to talk to me about sex and birth control.
13. My son would ask me too many personal questions if I tried to talk with him about sex and birth control.
14. My son does not want to hear what I have to say when it comes to talking about sex and birth control.
15. My son and I would only argue if we were to try and talk about sex and birth control.
16. I would have a difficult time being honest about my behavior with my son if we were to talk about sex and birth control.
17. My son would think that I was nosy if I tried to talk to him about sex and birth control.
18. If I talked about sex and birth control with my son, he might ask me something I don't know the answer to.
19. If I talked to my son about sex and birth control, he would think I approve of him having sex.
20. Talking about birth control with my son will only encourage him to have sex.
21. My son would just make fun of me if I tried to talk with him about sex and birth control.

USE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR SCALES ABOVE:

- a. **Strongly disagree**
- b. **Disagree**
- c. **Neutral**
- d. **Agree**
- e. **Strongly agree**