

Assessment:

Teaming African American Parents with Survival Skills (T.A.A.P.S.S.)

This questionnaire will ask you to provide information on topics related to your personal attitudes and behavior. If you do not understand a question, or the wording of a question, please mark the question and ask for explanation. There are no right or wrong answers. All of your answers in this questionnaire are confidential. Please answer all questions honestly.

The following set of general questions asks your opinion as a parent. Choose the response that best represents your answer.

1. How do you feel about the way things are going for you and your family today?
 - a. Very Satisfied
 - b. Satisfied
 - c. Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied
 - d. Dissatisfied
 - e. Very Dissatisfied

2. Compared to your parent's time, do you think being a parent today is:
 - a. Harder than it was in your parent's time
 - b. About the same as it was in your parent's time
 - c. Easier than it was your parents' time

3. Compared to the amount of time your parent(s) spent with you as a child, do you think that you have more or less time to spend with your child?
 - a. I have more time to spend with my child compared to my parents
 - b. I have less time to spend with my child compared to my parents
 - c. I have about the same amount of time to spend with my child compared to my parents.

The next 13 questions ask about family rules. Please answer all questions only in reference to your child who is participating in this program.

4. After school, my child is expected to be at a certain place by a certain time (home, school activities, etc.).
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes True/Sometimes False
 - d. Usually False
 - e. Always False.

5. When school is out my child goes some place where he/she is watched by an adult.
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

6. My child is allowed to have friends over to my house while I am not at home.
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

7. I know most of my child's friends.
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

8. I have a set of time that my child has to be in bed during the week and on weekends.
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

9. My child can go out (leave the neighborhood) after school without asking me(or another adult in charge).
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

10. I know in advance whether an adult will be there when my child goes somewhere with his or her friends (parties, movies, etc.)
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

11. I talk to the parents of my child's friend before I allow my child to spend the night at their house.
 - a. Always true
 - b. Usually true
 - c. Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - d. Usually false
 - e. Always False

12. I know the parents of my child's friends.
- Always true
 - Usually true
 - Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - Usually false
 - Always False
13. My child can do things or go places without telling me exactly where he/she will be.
- Always true
 - Usually true
 - Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - Usually false
 - Always False
14. I let my child hang out with kids who are known to get into trouble.
- Always true
 - Usually true
 - Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - Usually false
 - Always False
15. It is hard for me to keep track of where my child is when I am away from home.
- Always true
 - Usually true
 - Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - Usually false
 - Always False
16. When your child goes out of the house for more than an hour, do you check on him/her?
- Always true
 - Usually true
 - Sometimes true/Sometimes false
 - Usually false
 - Always False

The next 9 questions ask about talking with your child about sex. Please answer by indicating how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

17. I really don't know enough about sex and birth control to talk about it with my child.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

18. I would embarrass me to talk about sex and birth control with my child.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
19. It would be difficult for me to explain things if I talked with my child about sex and birth control.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
20. It wouldn't do much good if I talked with my child about sex and birth control.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
21. It would be difficult for me to find a convenient time and place to talk to my child about sex and birth control.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
22. I would have a difficult time being honest about my sexual behavior with my child if we were to talk about sex and birth control.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
23. If I talked about sex and birth control with my child, he/she might ask me something I don't know the answer to.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

24. If I talked to my child about birth control, he/she would think I approve of him/her having sex.
- a. Strongly Agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree
25. Talking about birth control with my child will only encourage him/her to have sex.
- a. Strongly Agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree

The next 11 questions ask about talking with your child about sex in the past 3 months (90 days). Please answer all questions only in reference to the child participating in this program.

26. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about sexual intercourse?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
27. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about birth control?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
28. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about condoms?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
29. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about how to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
30. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about teen pregnancy?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
31. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about not having sex until you are older?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
32. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about how to handle pressure from friends to have sex?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

33. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about how to handle pressure from partners to have sex?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
34. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about drugs?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
35. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about alcohol?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
36. In the past 3 months, did you and your child talk about abstaining from sex/not having sex?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

The following questions ask about talks with your child in general. Please answer all questions only in reference to the child participating in this program.

37. In the past 3 months, how much information did you share with your child about human sexuality?
- a. None
 - b. Very little
 - c. Some
 - d. A lot
 - e. Everything
38. In the past 3 months, how much information did you give your child about puberty and how your body changes (boys) or menstruation (girls)?
- a. None
 - b. Very little
 - c. Some
 - d. A lot
 - e. Everything
39. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about reproduction/how babies are made?
- a. None
 - b. Very little
 - c. Some
 - d. A lot
 - e. Everything

40. In the past 3 months, how much information did you give your child about contraception/preventing pregnancy?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
41. In the past 3 months, how much information did you give your child about sexually transmitted diseases?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
42. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about HIV/AIDS?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
43. In the past 3 months, how much information did you give your child about ways to protect himself/herself from getting sexually transmitted diseases?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
44. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about condoms specifically?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
45. In the past 3 months, how often did you talk with your child about waiting until he/she is older to have sex or about not having sex?
- Never
 - Rarely
 - Once or Twice
 - Occasionally
 - Often
 - All of the time

46. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about your own past sexual behaviors and experiences?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
47. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about peer pressure and sexual pressure from dating partners?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
48. In the past 3 months, how much did you tell your child about how to resist pressure from peers and dating partners?
- None
 - Very little
 - Some
 - A lot
 - Everything
49. In the past 3 months, how often did you talk to your child about not drinking alcohol and using drugs?
- Never
 - Rarely
 - Once or Twice
 - Occasionally
 - Often
 - All of the time
50. In the past 3 months, how often did you talk to your child about how to resist pressure from peers and dating partners to use alcohol and drugs?
- Never
 - Rarely
 - Once or Twice
 - Occasionally
 - Often
 - All of the time
51. In the past 3 months, how often did you talk to your child about how alcohol and drugs could impair his/her judgement and lead him/her to take risks he/she wouldn't otherwise take?
- Never
 - Rarely
 - Once or Twice
 - Occasionally
 - Often
 - All of the time

The next set of questions asks about when you talked to your child.

52. If you talked to your child about sex in the past 3 months, what prompted you to talk to him or her? Please check all that apply.
- a. I learned that my child was involved in inappropriate conversation, play or touching.
 - b. My child admitted to being sexually active.
 - c. My child's friend(s) is going to be a mother or father.
 - d. A young member of our family is going to be a mother or father.
 - e. My child's friend(s) is known to be sexually active.
 - f. I overheard my child talking about being in a sexually related act (i.e., kissing, hugging, hand holding).
 - g. I believe my child might be sexually active.
 - h. My child is getting older and I felt the time was right to talk about sex and sexuality.
 - i. My child is going through physical sexual development (i.e., boys: wet dreams, changing voice, or girls: menstruation, developing breast).
 - j. My child initiated the conversation, or asked me a question about sex, or sexuality.
 - k. We were watching television, looking at a movie or music video or listening to a song that raised thought related to sex and sexuality.
 - l. I found a condom or birth control pills in my child's possession.
 - m. None of the above.
 - n. I have not talked to my child about sex in the last 3 months. **If you check this box, please skip the next question and go to question 54.**
53. When you spoke to your child about sex how were you feeling? If more than one feeling applies select the feeling that best represents how you felt.
- a. Angry
 - b. Afraid (about their health and safety)
 - c. Concerned
 - d. Frustrated
 - e. Protective (Of their safety or future)
 - f. Supportive (Wanted child to know I'm here to help)
 - g. Other. Specify: _____
54. If you talked to your child about drugs in the past 3 months, what prompted you to talk to your child about drugs. Please check all that apply.
- a. I learned that my child was involved in activity related to drugs.
 - b. My child's friend(s) was suspended from school or arrested for activity related to drugs.
 - c. I believe my child's friend(s) was involved with the use of drugs.
 - d. I believe my child's friend(s) was involved with selling drugs.
 - e. I believe my child was involved with the use of drugs.
 - f. I believe my child was involved with selling drugs.
 - g. I believed a family member was involved with the use of drugs.
 - h. I believe a family member was involved with selling drugs.
 - i. My child is getting older and I felt the time was right to talk about drugs.
 - j. Drug activity is present in our neighborhood.
 - k. My child initiated the conversation, or asked me a question about drugs.

- l. My child is friends with someone suspected of selling or using drugs.
- m. We were watching a television, looking at a movie or music video, or listening to a song that raised thoughts related to drug use and drug selling.
- n. I found drug paraphernalia (rolling paper, marijuana, a joint, small plastic bags used to store drugs) in my child's possession.
- o. My child was behaving in a manner that led me to believe he/she was using drugs (i.e., altered mood – more quiet or more loud than usual. Inability to concentrate, avoiding others).
- p. My child appeared as though he/she was using drugs (i.e., red eyes, constricting pupils, enlarged pupils, a blank stare).
- q. I smelled traces of drug use on my child's clothing (i.e., clothes had the odor of smoke or marijuana).
- r. None of the above
- s. I have not talked to my child about drugs in the last 3 months. **If you check this box, please skip the next question and go to question 56.**

55. When you spoke to your child about drugs how were you feeling? If more than one feeling applies select the feeling that best represents how you felt.

- a. Angry
- b. Afraid (About their health and safety)
- c. Concerned
- d. Frustrated
- e. Protective (Of their safety or future)
- f. Supportive (Wanted child to know I'm here to help)
- g. Other. Specify: _____

56. If you talked to your child about alcohol in the past 3 months, what prompted you to talk to him or her? Please check all that apply.

- a. I learned that my child was involved in activity related to alcohol use.
- b. My child's friend(s) was suspended from school or arrested for alcohol use.
- c. I believe my child's friend(s) was involved with the use of alcohol.
- d. I believed my child was involved with the use of alcohol.
- e. My child is getting older and I felt the time was right to talk about alcohol.
- f. There are state stores (liquor stores) and other signs of alcohol use present in our neighborhood.
- g. My child initiated the conversation, or asked me a question about alcohol.
- h. My child is a friend of someone suspected of alcohol use.
- i. A family member has an alcohol problem.
- j. We were watching television, looking at a movie or music video, or listening to a song that raised thought related to alcohol use.
- k. I found alcohol or a flask in my child's possession.
- l. My child was behaving in a manner that led me to believe he/she was using alcohol (i.e., active or louder than usual, unusual inability to concentrate).
- m. My child appeared as though he/she was intoxicated (i.e., slurred speech, unsteady walk or stumbling, vomiting without other reason or cause).
- n. I smelled traces of alcohol use on my child (i.e., breath smelled of alcohol)

o. Other Specify:

p. I have not talked to my child about alcohol in the past 3 months. **If you check this box, please skip the next question and go to question 58.**

57. When you spoke to your child about alcohol how were you feeling? If more than one feeling applies select the feeling that best represents how you felt.

- a. Angry
- b. Afraid (About their health and safety)
- c. Concerned
- d. Frustrated
- e. Protective
- f. Supportive
- g. Nervous
- h. Unsure (**Of what to say**)
- i. Overwhelming
- j. Other Specify:

The next set of questions ask about your beliefs about your child's sexual behavior.

58. At what age do you think it would be okay for your son or daughter to have a sexual relationship? _____ Years

Response choices # 59-61 are:

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

59. I would be less concerned if I learned that my child had sexual intercourse and used condoms.

60. My child is too young to have sex.

61. Sex outside of marriage is wrong and sinful.

Skipping questions 62-64, (65 embedded in related section) 66-69, (70 & 71 embedded in related section),

72. Was your gas or electricity turned off in the past year because you couldn't afford to pay the bill?

- a. Yes
- b. No

73. How many times have you moved in the past year?

- a. None
- b. Once
- c. 2-3 times
- d. More than 3 times

74. Have you ever been without a home in the past year?
- a. Yes
 - b. No **(If you check “No”, please skip the next question and go to question 76)**

75. How many days or weeks were you without a home in the past year?
- _____ Days OR _____ Weeks

76. Which of the following statements describes the amount of food your household has to eat.
- a. Enough to eat
 - b. Sometimes not enough to eat
 - c. Often not enough to eat.

77. In the last 12 months, was your child ever hungry but you couldn't afford more food?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

(Skipping 78 – 80 because “Getting Services” already covers topic. Skipping 81-210)

The next set of questions ask about your feelings regarding work.

211. I feel used up at the end of the workday.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday

212. I feel tired when I get up in the morning and have to face another day on the job.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday

213. I feel burned out from my work.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday

214. I feel frustrated by my job.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday
215. I feel I'm working too hard on my job.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday
216. I feel like I'm at the end of my rope.
- a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Once a month or less
 - d. A few times a month
 - e. Once a week
 - f. A few times a week
 - g. Everyday

Adolescent Version

1. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about sexual intercourse?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about birth control?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

3. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about condoms?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about how to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about teen pregnancy?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about not having sex until you were older?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about how to handle pressure from friends to have sex?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about how to handle pressure from partners to have sex?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
9. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about drugs?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
10. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about alcohol?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
11. In the past 3 months, did you and your guardian(s)/parent(s) talk about abstaining from sex/not having sex?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No