

PARENT DIARY RECONSTRUCTION

OPENING COMMENTS (~10 min)

- “It is nice to see you again. Hope you had a nice week. Thank you so much again agreeing to participate in the study. Do you have any questions or comments for us from last time we spoke?”
- Remind the parent and child that they could choose to stop participating. Remind them to only share data that they are comfortable sharing and remind them that you will be audio-taping the interview so that you don’t forget anything.
- “We would like to interview you in different rooms like last time, if that’s still okay? Remember that we can always come back here if you feel uncomfortable...”<Proceed to interview the parent in one room and the child in another>
- Separate the parents and child.
- “Let’s take a look at the diary entries that you have from last week and talk about them a little bit.”

DIARY RECONSTRUCTION (~30 min)

- First of all, do you remember forgetting to make entries for any interactions? Maybe we can try to reconstruct them right now...

- Would you say that there is anything atypical about this week? Anything that makes it unusual?

- <Child name> mentions that he/she talked to you on <day, time>. But there is no corresponding entry here. It is not a problem at all but do you remember why? What happened?

FOR EACH DIARY ENTRY (take notes on back of each entry)

- Reconstruct and clarify the diary entries, try to understand how/when/why certain entries were made by examining the diary entries together.
- Here you have mentioned that you felt <entry>. If I may ask do you remember what was going on at that time?

- Could you elaborate on what was going on in this <entry>?
- Do you remember any other information about this <entry> that you may have forgotten to enter?

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

- <If parent played a mostly residential parent role this week>
 - In what ways did you find yourself helping your child fill out the diary this week?
 - What is your sense of how your child interacted with the other parent this week?
 - What were some of your challenges as a residential parent this week?

- Other optional questions:
 - What situations make you more likely to contact your child while being apart? Less likely? What's likely to make you wait to contact him or her?

 - What do you see as your main challenges to staying close to your child while being apart?

 - What do you do to support the other parent in staying close to your child while being apart? How does the other parent support you? What are some tensions in regards to that?

 - What are your recommendations for designers of communication systems for divorced families?

WRAP UP (~5 min)

- “Thank you so much taking the time to speak to us! We really appreciate you taking the time to make sure that these diaries get completed. We’ll be back next week!”
- Schedule time to meet the following week.