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# Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study [Public Use Data]

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Fragile Families Child Care (FFCC) public data users
RE: **FFCC Age 3 datafiles and instruments**

The Age 3 Fragile Families Child Care Study includes families in the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study who have either center-based or family-based child care. Child care providers were recruited for the Fragile Families Child Care Study after the Age 3 In-Home parent interview and assessment. First, families were invited to participate in the Age 3 Child Care Study only if the parent used some type of non-maternal child care (including care by the biological father) for at least 7 hours a week, and *one* child care arrangement for at least 5 hours a week at the time of the Age 3 In Home assessment. Second, parents were asked for consent to contact the child care provider with whom the child spent the most time. If consent was given, the child care provider was invited to join the Child Care Study. Only the focus child's primary child care provider – the provider with whom he/she spent the most hours per week – was interviewed and observed, thus no families have more than one child care interview or observation.

Ultimately, data for 810 families were obtained for some segment of the Age 3 Fragile Families and Child Care Study. Families in 15 of the 20 cities in the Fragile Families sample are included in this Study. These data are contained in the following five files:

| **Datafile** | **Instrument** | **Description** | **Who Completes** | **Number of Observations** |
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| ffcc_pof_fnl | The Post Observation Form | Dataset contains interviewer responses to observational items found in the Post Observation Form.<br><br>The variable naming convention is "ffcc_pof_*" where "*" denotes the question number in the survey. | This instrument was administered for all types of care.<br><br>This instrument was completed by interviewers for all but approximately 40 of the families who completed the Center Provider Interview or the Family Child Care/Kit & Kin Interview.<br><br>For a small number of cases in this file, there are values for some identification variables; however, there is missing (-9) data in most of the observation questions. | 769 |
| ffcc_centsurvey_fnl | The Center Provider Interview | Dataset contains responses to the Center Provider Interview.<br><br>The variable naming convention is "ffcc_centsurvey_*" where "*" denotes the question number in the survey. | Administered only to center-based child care providers. | 371 |
| ffcc_famsurvey_fnl | The Family Child Care/Kith & Kin Interview | Dataset contains responses to the Family Child Care Provider Interview.<br><br>The variable naming convention is "ffcc_famsurvey_*" where "*" denotes the question number in the survey. | Administered only to family day care providers or relatives or friends who provided care to the child. | 427 |

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| ffcc_famobs_fnl | The Family Day Care Rating Scale | Dataset contains observational assessments of family day care.<br><br>The variable naming convention is "ffcc_famobs_*" where "*" denotes the question number in the survey. | Observations of the family child care environment completed by interviewers. Contains questions from the Family Day Care Scale (FDCRS). Only completed for families with home-based child care arrangements. | 424 |
| ffcc_centobs_fnl | The Center Scale | Dataset contains observational assessments of center day care.<br><br>The variable naming convention is "ffcc_centobs_*" where "*" denotes the question number in the survey. | Observations of child care center environment completed by interviewers. Contains questions from the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale – Revised Edition (ECERS-R). Only completed for families with center-based child care arrangements. | 367 |