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**Carolina Abecedarian Project
(ABC) and the Carolina Approach
to Responsive Education (CARE),
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User Guide

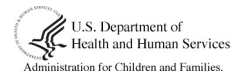
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As an introduction to this data collection, we have provided the following brief summary of the data and documentation provided with this study.

Summary of Data Files

This study consists of two consecutive longitudinal studies using two different samples to examine the effectiveness of early childhood educational intervention for children at high risk for developmental delays and school failure. Combined, the two studies test the hypothesis that child care, home visit, and home school resource interventions can enhance cognitive and academic outcomes for children at risk for school failure due to factors such as poverty, low maternal IQ, or low parental education.

The Abecedarian (ABC) Project is a prospective randomized trial with participants from low-income families with children born between 1972 and 1977 participating in an educational child care program, home visit program, and home school resource services, or serving as controls from 6 weeks to school age. The ABC Project collected data on both the child (subject) and the parent level. The Carolina Approach to Responsive Education (CARE) Project recruited children born between 1978 and 1980 who were randomly assigned to receive child care and home visits, home visits only, or control. The CARE children in either treatment group also received the home school resource services during the first three years of elementary school. This release contains the age 21 follow-up data for both samples. The CARE Project collected data only on the child (subject) level.

22 datasets were produced for this study. Datasets 0005, 0013 and 0014 have been released under restricted release only, which requires a signed restricted use agreement to obtain. For all other datasets, public versions of the data without identifying variables and information have been released, with an additional complete restricted version of each available with a signed restricted use agreement. Each data file is provided in SPSS, SAS, R, and STATA formats, as well as ASCII files with SPSS, SAS, and STATA setup files. Table 1 on the following page provides a summary of the data files. Table 2 provides a summary of the type of variables that were changed and the differences in changes made between the public version and the restricted version for those datasets that have both versions.

Summary of Documentation

There are two sets of documentation for this study.

1. User Guide – This document contains a brief summary of all data and documentation available for the study, instructions for merging datasets, and an FAQ section.
2. Codebooks – Codebooks listing variable name, label, location, type, and frequency and/or mean information were produced for each dataset. When datasets have a public version of the data as well as a restricted version, a codebook was produced for each version.
3. Data Collection Instruments – Annotated questionnaires, and in some cases, dynamic codebooks are included for PI produced and publicly available questionnaires in this release.

Table 1. Summary of Data Release

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Dataset #	File Prefix	Dataset Name	Project	Analysis Level	Public Version	Restricted Version
0001	32262-0001	Parent Brief Symptom Inventory	ABC	Parent	X	X
0002	32262-0002	Parent Everyday Stressors Index	ABC	Parent	X	X
0003	32262-0003	Parent of a Young Adult Interview	ABC	Parent	X	X
0004	32262-0004	Parent Scale of Independent Living	ABC	Parent	X	X
0005	32262-0005	Parent Interview – Persons Living with Subject	ABC	Parent		X
0006	32262-0006	Parent Risk Taking Survey	ABC	Parent	X	X
0007	32262-0007	Parent Taylor Life Events Inventory	ABC	Parent	X	X
0008	32262-0008	Parent What Am I Like	ABC	Parent	X	X
0009	32262-0009	Subject Adult Nowicki-Strickland	ABC	Child	X	X
0010	32262-0010	Subject Brief Symptom Inventory	ABC	Child	X	X
0011	32262-0011	Subject Interview	ABC	Child	X	X
0012	32262-0012	Subject Scale of Independent Living	ABC	Child	X	X
0013	32262-0013	Subject Interview – Persons in Subject’s Household	ABC	Child		X
0014	32262-0014	Subject Phinney Ethnic Identity Interview	ABC	Child		X
0015	32262-0015	Subject Risk Taking Survey	ABC	Child	X	X
0016	32262-0016	Subject Taylor Life Events Inventory	ABC	Child	X	X
0017	32262-0017	Subject Woodcock-Johnson	ABC	Child	X	X
0018	32262-0018	Subject What I Am Like	ABC	Child	X	X
0019	32262-0019	Subject Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised	ABC	Child	X	X
0020	32262-0020	Subject Brief Symptom Inventory	CARE	Child	X	X
0021	32262-0021	Subject Interview	CARE	Child	X	X
0022	32262-0022	Subject Risk Taking Survey	CARE	Child	X	X

Table 2. Differences between Public-Use and Restricted-Use Versions of Data Files

Variable Type	Public Version	Restricted Version
Income (non-public assistance)	Exact income values have been recoded into ranges.	Exact income values are intact.
Public Assistance Income	Values have been coded into yes/no categories.	Exact income values are intact.
Birth Date	Only year information is available.	Both month and year information is available.
Age/Graduation Year	Age and graduation year have been masked in some cases.	Age and graduation year are intact.
Criminal Activity	Some variables have been partially recoded into ranges.	All criminal activity variables are intact.
Most Recent Police Involvement	Dates have been recoded into ranges.	Dates have been recoded into month and year.
Race	Race categories have been collapsed in some cases.	Race categories are intact.
Additional child's gender	Gender for additional child in the household has been masked in some cases.	Gender for additional child in household is intact.
Brothers/sisters not living in the home	Some values for brothers/sisters not living in the home have been masked.	Some values for brothers/sisters not living in the home have been masked.

Merging Datasets

The data in this release are the age 21 follow-up data and the second phase of the ABC and CARE data collection efforts. More information on the first phase of data collection can be found at: www.researchconnections.org/resources/childcare/4716. The data in this release can be merged with the data from the first phase files using the variable 'SUBJECT', a unique random identifying variable. The variable 'SUBJECT' has the same value for the child and the parent, so it can also be used to link the Parent and Child files from the Abecedarian (ABC) Project.

F.A.Qs

If you need help opening a data file, please refer to the following frequently asked questions.

- [What are setup files?](#)
- [How do I use a SAS setup file to import ASCII data?](#)
- [How do I use a Stata setup file to import ASCII data?](#)
- [How do I use an SPSS setup file to import ASCII data?](#)