**Purpose:** A 40-item screening tool used to assess the parenting/child-rearing attitudes of adults and adolescents. The AAPI-2 can also assess strengths and weaknesses families have in regards to child-rearing. The tool works under the assumption that children learn abusive parenting practices by being exposed to abusive parenting practices; thus, the AAPI-2 provides an index of risk (high, medium, low) of current and prospective parents for child maltreatment.

The 40 items in the AAPI-2 address 5 constructs of parenting/child-rearing behaviors from which risk of child abuse/neglect may derive from:

- **Construct A – Expectations of Children (EC)**
- **Construct B – Parental Empathy Towards Children’s Needs (PEC)**
- **Construct C – Use of Corporal Punishment (CP)**
- **Construct D – Parent-Child Family Roles (PCFR)**
- **Construct E – Children’s Power and Independence (CPI)**

**Population:** Pregnant women and families/parents of children between the ages of 0-5 years old.

**When to Administer:**
- Week 4 of the intake process
- Pre-Natal Participants: 4 month post delivery
- Annually based on first screening date

**Time Required:** 10-15 minutes

**Administration**

Instructions for administering the AAPI-2 are provided within the screening tool. It should take on average 10-15 minutes to complete, and is consistent with a 5th grade reading level. If needed, you may read along and guide participants through each item. Spanish versions can also be administered.

Participants are asked to rate their agreeability to each of the 40 items. The responses range from **Strongly Agree** (SA), **Agree** (A), **Disagree** (D), **Strongly Disagree** (SD), to **Uncertain** (U). Encourage participants to respond to the statements honestly, and to follow their first natural response. Be mindful that they only provide one answer for each statement, and that they respond to all statements.

**Scoring & Interpretation**

Scoring for the AAPI-2 is calculated online at [https://www.assessingparenting.com/assessment/aapi](https://www.assessingparenting.com/assessment/aapi). Responses are entered online and the website calculates scores. The range of scores for each construct is 1 to 10, and higher scores indicate lower risk parenting. The website will display a parenting profile with scores in each of the five AAPI-2 constructs. The scores are categorized by risk for child maltreatment: Low Risk (score of 8-10), Moderate Risk (score of 4-7) or High Risk (score of 1-3).

The AAPI-2 is a tool to measure current parenting beliefs and practices. It does not tell you about whether a parent is likely to abuse their child in the future. Discuss these results with your supervisor to determine next steps and whether appropriate referrals need to be made.

**How to Enter Data into DCRS**

Scores for the AAPI-2 are entered on the “Assessments” tab of DCRS. At the top of the page, enter the date the assessment was completed and the status of the assessment.

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Under AAPI-2, enter the Raw Score and the Sten Score for each subscale. DCRS uses abbreviations for the constructs rather than the lettered constructs that appear on the AAPI-2 scoring printout. The bullets below summarize how the construct labels line up with one another.

- Construct A – Expectations of Children (EC)
- Construct B – Parental Empathy Towards Children’s Needs (PEC)
- Construct C – Use of Corporal Punishment (CP)
- Construct D – Parent-Child Family Roles (PCFR)
- Construct E – Children’s Power and Independence (CPI)

![Scores Table]

Each score is entered twice to protect against data entry errors. If the scores do not match, it will not appear as the final score. After data are entered, DCRS will indicate the risk level for each of the constructs. The DCRS risk level should be consistent with the risk levels identified on your scoring sheet.

A copy of the AAPI-2 parenting profile should be uploaded in the Documents section at the bottom of the Assessments tab.