

# Paternal Involvement with Infant Scale (PIWIS)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information

Your baby's age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex of your baby: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

How much of the total cost of your baby's care (including home, food, health care, clothes, etc) do you provide?

0%	1-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	80-99%	100%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

How much of the total cost of your baby's care (including home, food, health care, clothes, etc) does your partner provide?

0%	1-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	80-99%	100%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

What percentage of the total household expenses (including care of the baby) do you provide?

0%	1-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	80-99%	100%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Please rate the overall degree of difficulty your baby would present for the average parent to raise:

Not At All Difficult	Not Very Difficult	About Average	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult
1	2	3	4	5

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## Instructions

Please rate how often you take part in the following aspects of parenting.

Not At All	Rarely	Once or Twice A Month	A Few Times A Month	A Few Times A Week	About Once A Day	More Than Once A Day	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
							Response
1.	Talking to your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2.	Hugging your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
3.	Feeling that your involvement with your baby is important						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
4.	Missing your baby when you are not with her/him						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
5.	Soothing your baby when s/he is crying						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
6.	Interactive playing with your baby (e.g., using stuffed animals or other toys)						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
7.	Kissing your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8.	Responding to your baby's facial expressions so that s/he can see your response						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
9.	Feeling close to your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
10.	Laughing with your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
11.	Smiling at your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
12.	Choosing play activities for your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
13.	Determining when to feed your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
14.	Determining what media (TV, DVD's, music) is appropriate for your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
15.	Setting your baby's general schedule/activities						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
16.	Knowing what foods (milk, formula, soft food) to give your baby and how much s/he eats						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
17.	Determining which toys/play objects are appropriate for baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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18. Anticipating specific ways (monitoring health, availability of clothes, have proper amount/type of food, etc.) to assure that your baby's needs will be taken care of						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
19. Discuss the division of parenting responsibilities with your partner						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
20. Making decisions regarding your baby's well-being						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
21. Feeling jealous of your partner's connection with your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
22. Giving your baby to your partner or other caregiver when your baby is crying						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
23. Feeling resentful of your baby due to increased responsibilities						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
24. Feeling frustrated when caring for your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
25. Taking your baby to/picking up from child care						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
26. Taking your baby to medical appointments						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
27. Arranging for child care (e.g., babysitter, day care)						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
28. Bathing your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
29. Changing your baby's diaper						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
30. Reading to/with your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
31. Swaddling your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
32. Burping your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
33. Putting your baby down for nap/sleep						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
34. Waking up during the night to take care of your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7
35. Feeding your baby						1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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## Scoring Instructions

The PIWIS instrument assesses five key aspects of fathers' involvement with their babies. Higher mean scores on each subscale reflects a higher level of involvement.

### **Warmth and Attunement Subscale** – Items 1 – 11

Sum the item responses and divide by 11.

### **Control and Process Responsibility** – Items 12-20

Sum the item responses and divide by 9.

### **Frustrations** – Items 21-24

Reverse-score these items and divide by 4.

### **Indirect Care** – Items 25-27

Sum the item responses and divide by 3.

### **Positive Engagement** – Items 28-35

Sum the item responses and divide by 8.

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