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health, and the occurrence of child maltreatment

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Supplementary material 1: Assessment of child maltreatment

A modified and shortened version of the pediMACE (Isele, 2016) interview was applied. All items referred to actions either by the parents (supervisory neglect, emotional neglect) or by the parents or

other adults in the household (verbal emotional abuse, nonverbal emotional abuse, physical abuse,

physical neglect, witnessing domestic violence), except the item on sexual abuse, which referred to

any adult or clearly older person.

Instruction:

The following questions relate to the topic of domestic violence.

Parenthood is not always easy, as life circumstances are stressful and children can be

challenging. We also know that such situations can affect education and education not always

runs perfectly. Since you have the best overview, we ask for your answers here.

It is important that you answer the questions as honestly as possible. All information in this

survey is anonymous.

How often...

Maltreatment subtype		Not at all	Seldom	Sometime	Often	Very often
Severe stressful living conditions	have there been severe stressful living conditions (violence, neglect, abuse) for the child/children?					
Verbal emotional abuse	has at least one adult who lives in the household with the child/ children ever yelled at the child/ children?					
Nonverbal emotional abuse	did the child/ children in your household have to take over a responsibility, which should only be taken over by a significantly older child or adult?					
Emotional neglect	have neither the father nor the mother (or other main caregivers / parental-like persons) been able to understand the feelings of the child /children or could be there for them?					
Physical abuse	have there been situations in which at least one adult who lives in the household with the child/ children intentionally					

pushed, pinched, slapped

or hit the child/ children

with the fist or kicked the

child/ children with the

foot?

Supervisory ... have there been

neglect situations in which at least

one parent paid too little

attention or did not protect

the child/ children?

Physical neglect ... have there been

situations in which the

child/children in your

household did not have

enough to eat?

Witnessing ... have there been

domestic violence situations in which your

child/ children experienced how adults who lived with the child/children argued

violently?

Sexual abuse ... have there been

situations in which an

adult person has touched

your child's/ children's

intimate parts of the body

without the child/ children

wanting this or forced the

child/ children to touch

another person's body?

Household ... have domestic problems

dysfunction: occurred in connection

problems related to with an alcohol or drug

drug abuse problem?

Household ... have there been

dysfunction: domestic difficulties

problems related to related to depression or

parental mental illness?

disorder

Experience of ... have there been

physical or sexual situations in which you

violence in the yourself were intentionally

previous. 2 months hit, kicked or otherwise

experienced bodily harm or were forced to perform unwanted sexual actions?

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Isele, D. R. (2016). The role of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in clinical disorders: A new assessment tool and evaluation of links with borderline personality symptoms. Published Doctoral Thesis, University of Konstanz, Germany.