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| **Domain:** | Social Environments |
| **Measure:** | Life Events |
| **Definition:** | This measure is a questionnaire to assess the respondent's exposure to a broad range of life events. |
| **Purpose:** | This measure allows researchers to examine the occurrence of traumatic life events and the respondent's assessment of the physical and emotional responses to the events. Traumatic life events have been associated with many indicators of physical and emotional distress, including psychopathological symptoms and disorders such as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). |
| **Essential PhenX Measures:** | Current Age |
| **Related PhenX Measures:** | Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) |
| **Collections:** |  |
| **Keywords:** | Stressful Life Events, Stress, Life Events, Resilience, Adverse life events, Psychopathology, Adjustment, Risk factor, Protective factor, Resource factor, proprietary, Social Environments |

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| **Protocol Release Date:** | November 12, 2010 |
| **PhenX Protocol Name:** | Life Events - Child |
| **Protocol Name from Source:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |
| **Description:** | The Adverse Life Events Scale is a self- or proxy-administered, 25-item questionnaire that reports events experienced during the previous year over which the child had little or no control. The respondent reviews the list of items and indicates which events have occurred. |
| **Specific Instructions:** | None |
| **Protocol:** | 1. Someone in family died  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  1.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  1.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  2.Family member was seriously injured  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  2.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  2.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  3. Saw crime/accident  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  3.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  3.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  4. Lost a close friend  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  4.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  4.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  5. Close friend was seriously sick/injured  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  5.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  5.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  6. Negative change in parent's financial situation  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  6.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  6.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  7. Family member had drug/alcohol problem  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  7.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  7.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  8. Got seriously sick or injured  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  8.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  8.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  9. Parents argued more than previously  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  9.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  9.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  10. Mother/father figure lost job  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  10.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  10.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  11. One parent was away from home more often  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  11.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  11.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  12. Someone in the family was arrested  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  12.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  12.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  13. Close friend died  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  13.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  13.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  14. Family member had mental/emotional problem  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  14.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  14.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  15. Brother or sister left home  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  15.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  15.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  16. Being a victim of crime/violence/assault  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  16.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  16.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  17. Parents separated in last 12 months  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  17.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  17.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  18. Parents got into trouble with the law  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  18.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  18.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  19. Attended a new school  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  19.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  19.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  20. Family moved  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  20.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  20.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  21. Parents got divorced  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  21.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  21.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  22. One of the parents went to jail  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  22.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  22.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  23. Got new stepmother or stepfather  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  23.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  23.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  24. Parent got a new job  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  24.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  24.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  25. Got new brother or sister  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If "Yes",  25.1. Was this a good or bad experience?  [ ] Mostly good  [ ] Mostly bad  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  25.2. How much did the event affect you?  [ ] Not at all  [ ] A little  [ ] Some  [ ] A lot  [ ] Not applicable  [ ] Don't know  **Scoring**  An event is considered "adverse" only when it is:  1. Mostly bad, and  2. One of the following: A little, Some, or A lot |
| **Selection Rationale:** | The Adverse Life Events Scale was selected because it is widely used and has documented validity and reliability. Scale scores have been associated with indicators of psychopathology and functional limitations. |
| **Source:** | Tiet, Q. Q., Bird, H. R., Davies, M., Hoven, C., Cohen, P., Jensen, P. S., & Goodman, S. (1998). Adverse life events and resilience. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, *37*(11), 1191–1200. |
| **Life Stage:** | Child Adolescent |
| **Language of source:** | English |
| **Participant:** | Children and adolescents, aged 9-17 years old |
| **Personnel and Training Required:** | None |
| **Equipment Needs:** | The respondent will need a copy of the questionnaire. |
| **Standards:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Standard** | **Name** | **ID** | **Source** | | Common Data Element (CDE) | Child Life Event Assessment Score | 3139329 | [CDE Browser](https://cdebrowser.nci.nih.gov/CDEBrowser/search?elementDetails=9&FirstTimer=0&PageId=ElementDetailsGroup&publicId=3139329&version=1.0) | | Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) | Life events child proto | 63040-0 | [LOINC](http://s.details.loinc.org/LOINC/63040-0.html?sections=Web) | |
| **General references:** | Grant, K. E., Compas, B. E., Thurm, A. E., McMahon, S. D., & Gipson, P. Y. (2004). Stressors and child and adolescent psychopathology: Measurement issues and prospective effects. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, 33*(2), 412–424.  Tiet, Q. Q., Bird, H. R., Hoven, C. W., Moore, R., Wu, P., Wicks, J., Jensen, P. S., Goodman, S., & Cohen, P. (2001). Relationship between specific adverse life events and psychiatric disorders. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology, 29,* 153–164. |
| **Mode of Administration:** | Self- or proxy-administered questionnaire |
| **Derived Variables:** | None |
| **Requirements:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Requirement Category** | **Required** | | Major equipment | No | | Specialized training | No | | Specialized requirements for biospecimen collection | No | | Average time of greater than 15 minutes in an unaffected individual | No | |
| **Process and Review:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |