♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ NLSY79 CHILD & YOUNG ADULT DOCUMENTATION ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦

The NLSY79 Child-YA documentation is designed to assist users in accessing and understanding the data files. The reports and handbooks contain information on the content of the data files - both the items administered in the field and the constructed variables based on inputs extracted from child and mother records. The data users guide and user notes provide information essential for understanding the variables on the current Child-YA data files. Users are encouraged to access at least one set of recent questionnaires so they can see the actual questions and procedures used in the field. On-line documentation for the NLSY79 main Youth as well as for the Child & Young Adult data can be found at: http://www.nlsinfo.org/web-investigator/docs.php.

1. ***NLS Handbook*** - overview of the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) with general information about each survey and tables that describe the variables available for each survey year.

2. ***NLSY79 Child & Young Adult Data Users Guide*** - technical guide to the current data and documentation files as well as a substantive overview of the content and design of the child and young adult survey. This document explains the administration of the child assessments and the nature of the child and young adult samples.

3. **Child field instruments**:
   - ***Child CAPI Supplement*** – public user version of CAPI field instrument for children under age 15 that contains several direct child assessments, child enrollment status and current grade, child height and weight, schooling experiences, self-report on work for pay and religion by children 10-14, interviewer evaluation of testing conditions, and interviewer observations of the child's home environment.
   - ***Child Self-Administered Supplement*** - self-report completed by children ages 10-14; contains questions on child-parent interactions, social and personal behavior, substance use, TV viewing, after school and summer activities, weapons in school, and computer user.
   - ***Mother Supplement*** - maternal reports on each child's home environment, physical and mental health, schooling, relationships, temperament, motor and social development, and behavior problems.

4. ***Young Adult CAPI Questionnaire*** – public user version of CAPI field instrument used for children ages 15 and over; asks about schooling, employment, training, health, relationships, fertility, income, attitudes, and a self-report series on parent-child relations, risk taking, computer use, substance use, non-normative behavior, and pro-social activities. Prior to R19-2000 the self-report series for children 15 and older appeared in a separate paper booklet. The **NLSY79 Young Adult Attachments**, which provide coding definitions and interviewer instructions, are included in the questionnaire document.

5. ***The NLSY79 Child Assessments: Selected Tables*** - descriptive tables based on the current NLSY79 child assessment data, both raw and normed scores. Available for each child assessment year starting with 1994.

6. ***The NLSY Children, 1992: Description and Evaluation*** - report that describes the 1992 child assessment data including completion rates by age, race, ethnicity; explores relationships between background characteristics and scores over time; presents validity information based on associations among assessments over time.

7. ***NLSY79 Users' Guide*** - detailed guide to the NLSY79 surveys, their content and sample characteristics. Users interested in any maternal data are urged to consult this document.

8. ***User Notes & Errata*** – notes and data and documentation updates related to the current data release. Users are urged to review the NLS child webpages for these updates and to check with the NLS Users office for current updates upon obtaining the data.

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