

## **Fathers and Internet Use Interview Protocol**

*Thank you for agreeing to do this interview with me today. I am interested in learning about fathers and Internet use. If there are any questions you don't want to answer, you are welcome to skip them. If there is any terminology that you dislike or that you prefer we use to refer to you and your child, please let me know so that we can continue the conversation in a way that is comfortable for you.*

### **Background**

1. Tell me about your family. How many children do you have?
2. Who lives with you in your house?
3. Who in your home is currently employed? What do they do?

### **Role in the home**

4. Describe a typical day from morning to evening in your home.
5. How much of the household activities like cooking, cleaning, or laundry does your partner do?
6. How much of the household activities do you do?
7. How do the children get to school or other activities?
8. Who keeps track of house finances?
9. How do you think parents should share household and childcare responsibilities?

### **Communication out of the home**

10. How do you stay in touch with your child?
11. How often do you contact your child?
12. What do you usually talk about with your child?
13. What technologies do you use to contact your child?

### **Engagement and Responsibility**

14. Do you take part in organized activities related to your child? [if necessary, offer examples like PTA meetings, boy scouts, school plays, church choirs, little league, etc]
15. Tell me about the last time you took part in such an activity with your child.
16. If your child has a health concern, who handles it? What do you/does your partner do to look for information?
17. Have you had any differences with [your partner/your child's mother] about raising your child?

### **Internet Use**

18. What kinds of sites do you visit on the Internet? Tell me about what you do on those sites. How often do you go to these sites?
19. What social network sites are you on? Tell me about what you do on those sites. How often do you go to these sites?
20. Have you used the Internet to look for information about your child? [If yes, where do you go? What kinds of things have you done on these sites?]

21. Have you used the Internet to look for information about any services provided for your child? (e.g. school, health, after-school, daycare, etc)
22. [If Facebook user] Do you post statuses or photos about your children on Facebook? [If yes, what do they say?]
23. [If Facebook user] Do you read other parents' statuses or look at their photos of children on Facebook? Do you like or comment on their posts?
24. Have other people's posts online influenced your approaches to parenting in any way? [if they need more prompting: what do you think about other people's discussions of parenting online? Do you think they share too much? Do you wish they shared more?]
25. Do your children use the Internet? If so, what do they do? How do you keep up with what they are doing?
26. [If Dad and child are Facebook users] Do you keep in touch with your child(ren) on Facebook? [If so, how?]
27. Have you met any parents offline then friended them online? If so, what do you discuss online?
28. Have you met any parents online then meet up with them in person?

### **Judgment and Attitudes**

29. Who would you go to for help if you had questions about your child?
30. How do you decide whether to trust the parenting information you see online?
31. How do you decide what to post online?
32. What have you decided not to post online?
33. Are there times where you feel judged as a parent?
34. Have you ever felt judged about something you posted online in general?
35. Have you ever felt judged about something you posted online related to your child?
36. Do you think mothers and fathers used the Internet differently related to parenting?

*Thank you for your time!*