APPENDIX B

The Paternal Engagement Scale

Directions: Please answer the following questions about how you think you are doing as a father. Think about your relationship with your children and all of the ways that you are involved as a father. If you have only one child, then you will answer the questions as they pertain to just that child. If however, you have more than one child, please choose a response that best describes how you are overall with all of your children. Please select a response that most accurately reflects your perceptions of how you are actually involved with your children, not necessarily how you would like to be involved.

Never = 1 Rarely = 2 Sometimes = 3 Often = 4 Always = 5

1 _____I try to make my children feel special.

2 _____I have taken my child to the doctor.

3 _____I tell my children that I love them.

4 _____I praise my children.

5 _____I have said things that hurt my children's feelings.

6 _____I attend my children's school activities.

7 _____I am an equal partner in parenting.

8 _____I feel close to my children.

9 _____There have been times when I have criticized my children

10 _____I help clean the house.

11 _____I hug my children.

12 _____I talk to my children about God.

13 _____I explain things to my child about how to do the right thing.

14 _____When my child has a problem, I talk things over with them.

15 _____I've shouted at my children if they have done something wrong.

16 _____I am caring person towards my children.

17 _____I feel that I am a nurturing father.

18 _____My children have embarrassed me.

19 _____I am disappointed in my child.

20 _____I help my children with their homework.

21 _____I have smacked by child with my hand.

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22 _____I make arrangements for my child's activities.

23 _____I am ashamed of my children.

24 _____I am a good provider for my children.

25 _____I plan things on their behalf of my children.

26 _____I teach my children manners.

27 _____I talk to my children about important things I think they should know.

28 _____I attend my children's school conferences.

29 _____I say grace at mealtime.

30 _____I have made childcare arrangements for my children.

31 _____I cook meals for my children.

32 _____When my child has a problem, I think about how to solve it when I am not with them.

33 _____I make sure my children know they are worthy.

34 _____I put my children to bed.

35 _____When my children were young, I changed their diapers.

36 _____I teach my children right from wrong.

37 _____I pray of my children.

38 _____I attend church/synagogue/mosque with my children.

39 _____I attend the events that my child is involved in.

40 _____I comfort my children when they are feeling bad.

41 _____I reward my children when they do something positive.

42 _____I try to make sure my children have the things they need.

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