

Overview of Codes Included in the Observational Coding System for Parent-Child Interactions

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Acronym	Code	Description
PNUR	Parental Physical Nurturance of Child	The parent <u>offers or demonstrates</u> physical affection for or help of the child or the child's figure. The parent may do this directly, or with their figure.
PPC	Parents' Positive Personal Comments about the Child	The parent makes a comment or statement about the <i>goodness</i> of the child's behavior, personality, appearance, knowledge, accomplishment, idea, etc. Most often, the parent is going out of their way to include a complimentary adjective or adverb in their feedback to their child.
NPC	Parents' Negative Personal Comments about the Child	The parent criticizes the child's behavior, personality, appearance, knowledge, accomplishment, idea, etc. NPCs can also be words of discouragement (e.g., making fun of a child's idea).
PA	Parental Positive Affect	Parent labels an affect state that people tend to enjoy experiencing. Examples include, but are not limited to, happy, glad, excited, proud, relieved, good, satisfied, and peaceful.
NA	Parental Negative Affect	Parent labels an affect state that people typically consider unpleasant or painful or they tend to dread, change, or avoid. Examples include, but are not limited to, angry, sad, mad, furious, worried, scared, nervous, self-conscious, bored, depressed, anxious, frustrated, guilty, embarrassed, stupid, and jealous.
AGG	Child Physical Aggression	Behavior by the child that is destructive or hurtful OR would be perceived as destructive or hurtful if the child's play were real. Potential targets are the self, parent, examiner, or inanimate objects such as PCIA toys, furniture, equipment, or imaginary people/animals. The child may or may not use a toy to deliver the aggression (e.g., having a gorilla "attack" another toy). Examples include (but are not limited to) hitting, kicking, pushing, or throwing. Specify target.
PRR	Parental Role-Reversal	Evidence of a permeable boundary between parent and child, whereby the parent seeks out the child to meet her physical or emotional needs (i.e., nurturance); Parent engages in self-focused needs, emphasizing her own needs or desires; Parental childlike dependence on child whereby child expected to or asked to fulfill adult role; Relying on child to fulfill role of friend or primary companion
PCP	Parental Physical Control/Punishment	<u>Physical Punishment</u> - Punishment that is physical in nature, or threats of such punishment. In other words, hostile physical contact implemented with the purpose of stopping or decreasing behavior; <u>Physical Control</u> - Attempt to get child to do what parent wants via the use of physical contact.
ID	Interpersonal Danger	Behaviors and comments by the parent which serve to communicate to the child that someone or something is unsafe or dangerous, thereby communicating interpersonal danger.

Codes in development: Parental Commands, Child Compliance, Child ADHD Symptoms

For additional constructs that have been reliably coded from PCIA-II videotapes and/or transcripts, see the Transcript Coding System (TCS, Holigrocki & Kaminski, 2002; contact rhologrocki@uindy.edu), the Global Assessment of Parental Attunement (GAPA, Kaminski et al., 2005; contact kaminski@unt.edu), and the Collapse of Play, Negative Affect, & Limiting Content Codes (Holigrocki, 2005; available for download: <http://facstaff.uindy.edu/~rhologrocki/Downloads.htm>)