Spouse Support

**Instrument:** The Cleminshaw—Guidubaldi Parent Satisfaction Scale

**Scale/Subscale Name:** Spouse Support

**Developers:** John Guidubaldi and Helen K. Cleminshaw

**Year:** 1985

**Target Audience(s):** Parents of children 0-18

**Language other than English available:** No

**Type:** Attitudes

**Data collected:** Quantitative

**Data collection format:** Self report – Pre/post

**Reading Level:** Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 6.7


**Level of training necessary for administration/scoring/interpretation:** None necessary. Paper and pencil scoring with the sum of ratings (after reverse scoring some items) used as a total scale score.

**Cost of Use:** No cost associated with the original (1985) scale, the revised (1988) measure requires permission from Sage Publications.

**Description:**
- The Spouse Support subscale consists of 10 items that reflect respondents’ satisfaction with the degree of assistance spouses provided for child rearing.
  - The Spouse Support subscale is part of the larger Cleminshaw—Guidubaldi Parent Satisfaction Scale that consists of five subscales: 1) Spouse Support, 2) Child-Parent Relationship, 3) Parent Performance, 4) Family Discipline and Control, and 5) General Satisfaction.

**Psychometrics:**
*Information on reliability and validity are provided below. If information on a particular psychometric was not found, it is indicated as “no information provided.” It should be noted that this is not necessarily an indication of a lack of reliability or validity within a particular scale/instrument, but rather a lack of rigorous testing, for various reasons, by the developers or other researchers.*

**Reliability:** A correlation of at least .80 is suggested for at least one type of reliability as evidence; however, standards range from .5 to .9 depending on the intended use and context for the instrument

  - **Test-Retest:** No information provided
  - **Internal Consistency:** .93
  - **Inter-rater reliability:** No information provided

**Validity:** The extent a measure captures what it is intended to measure.

**Content/Face Validity:** Items were systematically developed. First 100 adults were asked to respond to two open-ended questions regarding contributors to satisfaction and dissatisfaction in the parenting role. These were categorized into frequencies. Second a literature review of other instruments was conducted to determine the existence of relevant items. A total of 250 items were compiled through these two methods. These items were piloted on a sample of 35 parents who were asked to critique for relevancy. Three experts in the field of child and family development also reviewed the instrument. A final pool of 211 items was selected for inclusion in the preliminary scale.

**Criterion Validity:** The Spouse Support subscale was significantly related to measures of Life Satisfaction and Marital Satisfaction.

**Construct Validity:**
- Factor Analysis: Principle Components and Equimax rotations were performed and yielded five factors with an Eigen value of 1 as a cutoff for factor loading. The 10 highest loading items on each factor were included in the subscales.
Spouse Support correlated significantly with the Family Discipline factor indicating the existence of some overlap between the various factors.
CONSTRUCT: Effective Parenting

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Ratings Scale
1=strongly agree
2=agree
3=Disagree
4=Strongly Disagree

Items:

1. I feel good about the amount of involvement my spouse has with my children. (R)
2. I am happy about the amount of interest that my spouse has shown in the children. (R)
3. I am pleased with the amount of responsibility my spouse has taken for raising the children. (R)
4. I am satisfied with my spouse's childbearing skills. (R)
5. I am satisfied with the amount of time that my spouse can give to my children. (R)
6. My spouse usually does not help enough with the children.
7. My spouse thinks parenthood is an important and valuable part of life which pleases me greatly. (R)
8. My spouse has sufficient knowledge about child development which seems to make him/her feel comfortable as a parent. (R)
9. I wish my spouse could do a better job parenting.
10. I wish that my partner would volunteer more to do things with the children.

Scoring:
- Reverse scoring (4=strongly agree to 1=strongly disagree) for items indicated with a (R).
- Sum all item ratings together and subtract by 10. Range of scores= 0 to 30.
- Higher scores indicate greater perceptions of spousal support.