"Now I am going to read a list of negative or stressful events that may happen in one's life. Across America, these events are among the unfortunate things that may happen to people no matter what their circumstances in life. Studies show that these negative or stressful events may have an important effect on one's health. After each one, please tell me if it has happened to you in the last 12 months."

1. First, have you had a serious illness or injury that started or got worse in the last year? ...................................................... Y N

2. Have you been the victim of a serious physical attack, mugging, sexual assault or other assault? ............................................... Y N

3. Have you been robbed or was your home burglarized? .................. Y N

4. Have you lost a loved one due to violence? ................................. Y N

5. Has your house been shot at, or has there been gunfire in your neighborhood? ................................................................. Y N

6. Has anyone close to you died? ..................................................... Y N

7. Has a family member or close friend had a major illness or injury? ................................................................. Y N
In the last 12 months . . .

8. Have you moved to a worse residence or neighborhood? ......................... Y N

9. Have you or anyone in your household lost a job? ................................. Y N

10. Have you retired from a job when you did not want to? .......................... Y N

11. Have you had a divorce or separation from your (husband/wife)? ............. Y N

[FOR JHS/ARIC ONLY, SAY:] “Now I have a series of questions that are similar to ones you have just answered about your childhood experiences. Those earlier questions were for your ARIC annual follow up, while these are for JHS. Where questions are nearly identical, I will do my best to first make sure your earlier response applies without asking you the full question. Thank you for your patience.”

[OR:] [FOR JHS ONLY, SAY:] "Some studies suggest that the experiences we have in early life may be related to the occurrence of illness throughout our lives. The following questions are designed to assess some of your early life experiences. We realize these things happened long ago. Please try to remember and answer as best you can.”

12. Were you raised up to age 16 by anyone other than your natural parents? .................................................................................. Y N

Go to Item 14a

13a. Was that because one of your parents died, because they divorced or separated, or from some other reason? ........................................................................ A B C D R

Parents died

Parents divorced or separated

Other reason

Don’t Know

Refused

Go to Item 14a

13b. Specify:
14a. Did your father (or other important male caretaker) ever work for pay while you were growing up? ................................................................. Yes Y

No N — Go to Item 15a

There was no father/male caretaker in household T — Go to Item 16a

Does not know D — Go to Item 15a

14b. When you were growing up, what was your father’s (or other important male caretaker’s) main job (the most important one)? [PROBE FOR WHAT FATHER DID, NOT WHERE HE WORKED].


14c. What were his most important activities or duties?
For example selling cars, hearing legal cases, keeping books or office work, teaching school, etc.


14d. What kind of business or industry was that?
[IF UNSURE, ASK:] “What did they make or do where he worked?” [PROBE FOR NAME OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY].


15a. What is the highest degree or years of school your father (or important male caretaker) completed, including trade or vocational school or college?

[RECORD NUMBER OF YEARS FOR GRADES 1–12:] ......

Some vocational or trade school, but no certificates 14
Vocational or trade certificate 15
Some college, but no degree 16
Associate degree, (junior college) (AA or AS) 17
Bachelor’s degree (BA, BS, AB) 18
Graduate or professional schools (MA, MS, Master’s Doctorate, MD, JD, DDS, DVM, etc.) 19

15b. [IF LESS THAN 12, ASK:] Did he complete a GED?................................. Yes Y
No N

16a. Did your mother (or other important female caretaker) ever work for pay while you were growing up? ................................................................. Yes Y
No

There was no mother/female caretaker in household T

Does not know D

16b. What was her main occupation or job while you were growing up? [PROBE FOR WHAT MOTHER DID, NOT WHERE SHE WORKED].

16c. What were her most important activities or duties? For example selling cars, hearing legal cases, keeping books or office work, teaching school, etc.
16d. What kind of business or industry was that? [IF UNSURE, ASK:] “What did they make or do where she worked?” [PROBE FOR NAME OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY].

17a. What is the highest degree or years of school your mother (or important female caretaker) completed, including trade or vocational school or college?

[RECORD NUMBER OF YEARS FOR GRADES 1–12:] ......

Some vocational or trade school, but no certificates 14
Vocational or trade certificate 15
Some college, but no degree 16
Associate degree, (junior college) (AA or AS) 17
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17b. [IF LESS THAN 12, ASK:] Did she complete a GED? ......................... Yes Y

No N

These next questions are about the place you lived when you were growing up until age 10. I realize this was a long time ago.”

18. When you were growing up, did your parents (persons who raised you) own or were buying their home, pay rent, or had some other living arrangement, such as living with relatives, etc.? .................................................Own or buying B

Pay rent R

Some other living arrangement O

Unsure U
19. Thinking about the place you lived until you were age 10, did it:
   a. have indoor plumbing? ................................................................. Y  N
   b. have electricity? .......................................................................... Y  N
   c. and how many rooms did it have? ..................................................  

20. When you were growing up, that is up until you were 10 years old or so, did your family own or have:
   a. a refrigerator? ............................................................................. Y N
   b. a car? .......................................................................................... Y N
   c. a telephone? ................................................................................ Y N
   d. a television? ................................................................................ Y N
   e. air conditioning? .......................................................................... Y N

21. That is all the questions I have. Do you have any other comments or questions?

22. Date of data collection: .............................................. m  m  d  d  y  y  y  y

23. Method of data collection: ......................................................... Computer C
                                      Paper form P

24. Code number of person completing this form: ........................... 