

## **Interpreting the Results of the *Active Parenting: First Five Years Survey***

The AP: FFY survey asks parents to compare their attitude and behavior before taking the course with their attitude and behavior at the end of the fourth and final session. All questions require that parents choose a response on a scale of 1 to 5. Some of the questions are worded so that a higher-numbered answer (4-5) is a positive answer (“Positive Items”) and some are worded so that a higher-numbered answer is a negative answer (“Reverse Items”). In order to determine whether a parent has improved during the course, you will need to use the FFY Survey Scoring Sheet. It provides a template you can use to subtract all of a parent’s Reverse Item scores from the Positive Item scores. If the result is a positive number then the parent has improved during the course.

In order to provide evidence of effectiveness of your course(s) you need to combine the final scores of each parent and calculate the average change. The higher the average, the more effective the course was as a whole. Continuing to survey parents in future courses and adding them to your totals will provide even more evidence.

Please note: This survey has not been standardized, nor are there any measures of reliability or validity. It simply offers you an easy way to provide one measure of effectiveness of your course. This survey is not associated with the *Active Parenting: First Five Years* national research study that was conducted in 2018-19 in cooperation with researchers at Oklahoma State University.