Parentification Inventory (PI)

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Instructions:

These are questions about your thoughts, behaviors, and feelings, concerning yourself and your family when you were growing up. Please read each statement carefully. Select a response based on how true the statement is on a scale of 1 (never true) to 5 (always true). Be sure to answer every question as accurately as possible.

REMEMBER THESE QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP.

Response Options:

(1) Never true (2) Rarely true (3) Sometimes true (4) Often true (5) Always true

Statements:

- 1. I was expected to comfort my sibling(s) when they were sad or having emotional difficulties.
- 2. My parent(s) often shared secrets with me about other family members.
- 3. Most children living in my community contributed to their family's finances.
- 4. I had time to be happy or sad even though I had to care for family members.
- 5. I helped my parent(s) make important decisions.
- 6. I was responsible for making sure that my siblings went to bed every night.
- 7. I felt appreciated by my family.
- 8. Most children my age had the same roles and responsibilities that I did.
- 9. I had time for play or school work even though I had family responsibilities.
- 10.I worked and contributed to the family finances.
- 11.I was responsible for helping my siblings (brother/sister) complete their homework.
- 12.I was the first person family members turned to when there was a family disagreement.
- 13.I was the primary person who disciplined my siblings.
- 14.I often helped solve problems between my parent(s) (or adult caregivers in my family).
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