

## **SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 91**

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### **CHILD WELL-BEING AND POVERTY: STATISTICAL ABSTRACT AND DATA PHASE I**

This project tested the feasibility of creating a comprehensive collection of statistical data and data sets on child well being and poverty that would provide easy access to critical information needed for basic and policy research, education, and program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

The collection would include an innovative statistical abstract modeled after the annual Statistical Abstract of the United States. It would provide in one place comprehensive national and state-level data on child well being and poverty. These data would be distributed in three formats: 1) on the Internet where users could easily locate and download information; 2) in CD-ROM form with search and retrieval software; and 3) in book form similar to the Statistical Abstract.

The data set archive would include descriptive and comparative data on the structure of child well being and poverty; factors that contribute to child well-being and poverty, and the consequences of child poverty; and evaluations of education, welfare, and other programs related to child well being and poverty. All variables in these data sets would be categorized by topic and type similar to other Sociometrics' data archives and be made publicly available with SPSS and SAS program statements as well as search and retrieval and data extract software.

The Phase I research was completed successfully, and Phase II was subsequently funded (see Project No. 119).

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