About the PEM-CY

The PEM-CY is a caregiver-report instrument that examines: 1) children's participation in home, school and community activities, and 2) environmental factors that support or hinder participation in home, school and community settings.

**Participation Items**
- Items are general categories or types of activities that were identified from an extensive literature review, interviews with children with and without disabilities and their parents. These items were specific to each setting: Home activities (e.g., indoor play and games, watching TV, and household chores); School activities (e.g., classroom activities, school-sponsored teams, clubs and organizations, and getting together with peers outside of class); and Community activities (e.g., neighborhood outings, unstructured physical activities, and classes and lessons).

**Environment Items**
- Items are specific to and common across each setting such as physical layout, demands of activities, attitudes and actions of others, adequate and available services, transportation, safety, financial resources, support from others, and having time to support the child's participation.

**Desire for Change**
- Items are rated in one of two ways: Not needed, Usually yes, Sometimes yes/sometimes no, Usually no.

**Environment Supportiveness**
- Items are rated in one of two ways: Minimal to very involved.

**Test-Retest Reliability**
- Reliability was moderate to very good (ICC = 0.59 to 0.95) for each PEM-CY rating scale.

**Internal Consistency**
- Internal consistency of the PEM-CY subscales (α) was very good (0.66 to 0.91).

**Future Directions**
- Further studies on the consistency of responses across time and with different formats (e.g., a paper and pencil version) are clearly needed. In addition, studies involving a more diverse sample in terms of socio-economic level, race/ethnicity and geographic location are needed. Further inquiry about how the PEM-CY could be used in clinical practice is important as well.

**Results**
- The PEM-CY will be available for research and clinical practice use free of charge in the near future. Check our website for updates: www.conch.dk and www.fi.edu/bm/selected-references

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