Results

Data collection is currently underway and sample size is inadequate to begin classifying participants into categories or test relationships with diverse variables. However, we please refer to Tables 1 and 2 for preliminary correlations between variables.

Discussion

One of the primary challenges of this study was the operationalization and measurement of proposed theoretical patterns of adjustment. A second challenge of measurement is attempting to quantify previous experiences as well as tangible outcomes. Below we have outlined the criteria by which using to classify participants into each adjustment pattern.

Competent-Opportunist

- Low levels of conflict resolution (FCRS)
- High levels of sibling-focused parentification (PI)
- Low levels of conflict in family of origin
- Moderate levels of social support
- Moderate levels of interpersonal efficacy (REM)
- Moderate to high levels of conflict resolution (FCRS)
- Moderate levels of interpersonal efficacy (REM)
- One parent responsible for high levels of parentification
- Almost no social support
- Low levels of interpersonal efficacy (REM)

Competent-Caring

- Average scores across all indicators
- Low levels of conflict resolution (FCRS)
- Low levels of parent-focused parentification (PI)
- Low levels of conflict in family of origin
- Moderate levels of social support
- Moderate levels of interpersonal efficacy (REM)
- Multidimensional scales designed to gauge levels of trust in one’s relationship partner. Each item is answered using a 7-point Likert-type scale ranging from 1 (low satisfaction) to 5 (high satisfaction). The higher the score, the more satisfied the respondent is with his/her relationship partner. Each item is answered using a 7-point Likert-type scale ranging from 1 (never true) to 7 (never). The Parent Adult-Child Relationship Questionnaire was administered at the time of the study. Each item is answered using a 5-point Likert-type scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

The Parent Adult-Child Relationship Questionnaire

- 26-item questionnaire covering relationship between parent and adult child, from the adult child’s point of view.
- The Parentification Inventory

We examined each pattern of adjustment defined by Hetherington and Kelly (2002) and we predict that with a larger sample size we could attempt to delineate each pattern using the following pre-existing measures.

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