

Supplementary Table S1. Characteristics of families participating in Waves 1 and 2 of the Aboriginal Families Study.

	Wave 1 (n= 344)	Wave 2 (n= 246)
	n (%)	n (%)
Mothers' age at birth of study child		
15-19 years	55 (16.0)	36 (14.6)
20-24 years	140 (40.7)	99 (40.2)
25-29 years	91 (26.5)	67 (27.2)
30 - 35 years	33 (9.6)	27 (11.0)
> 35 years	25 (7.3)	17 (6.9)
Mothers' indigenous status		
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	319 (92.7)	226 (91.9)
Not Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ¹	25 (7.3)	20 (8.1)
Birth weight of study child		
<2,500 grams	49 (15.0)	31 (13.4)
≥2,500 grams	278 (85.0)	201 (86.6)
Gestation at birth of study child		
≥37 weeks	278 (86.9)	198 (86.1)
<37 weeks	42 (13.1)	32 (13.9)
Study child born small for gestational age		
≥10th percentile	240 (79.7)	174 (80.9)
<10th percentile	61 (20.3)	41 (19.1)
Mothers' place of residence at wave 1		
Metropolitan area	134 (39.0)	99 (40.2)
Regional	123 (35.8)	90 (36.6)
Remote	87 (25.3)	57 (23.2)
Mothers' highest educational qualification at wave 1		
University degree	22 (6.4)	19 (7.7)
Diploma/certificate	155 (45.1)	119 (48.4)
Year 12	33 (9.6)	23 (9.3)
Less than Year 12	134 (39.0)	85 (34.6)
Mothers' participation in paid employment at wave 1		
Full time job	60 (17.4)	32 (13.0)
Part time job	39 (11.3)	50 (20.3)
Not in paid employment	245 (71.2)	164 (66.7)
Stressful events/social health issues during pregnancy		
None	45 (13.1)	30 (12.2)
One to two	105 (30.6)	77 (31.3)
Three or more	193 (56.3)	139 (56.5)
Total	344 (100.0)	246 (100.0)

¹ Non-Aboriginal mothers are mothers of Aboriginal children