



The first national study to track our children's development from birth

K O R E A I N S T I T U T E O F C H I L D C A R E A N D E D U C A T I O N

1. What is the Panel Study of Korean Children [PSKC] ?



- PSKC is a nationwide longitudinal study of Korean children and families.

The study follows each child's life course looking into the child's health, developmental status, and growth over time during the early formative years of childhood from birth to the 6th grade of elementary school.

- This study examines how Korean families are caring and educating their children; how parents cope with handling both their professions and child rearing; and also how communities and social programs are providing support to families with young children by means of services and policies of early care and education.

2. Why is this study important ?

●● From the moment a child is born, there are several factors that play pivotal roles in enhancing and supporting the child's growth, adaptation, and learning. These factors include the child's family, child care providers and teachers, schools and communities, and also the policies and programs the child's family decides to undertake. This project follows each child and family from birth by addressing the ecology of those multiple environments.

👉 The ultimate goal of this study is to obtain national data revealing the current facts and trends of child rearing in Korea. Through the collected information, the PSKC is expected to provide greater understanding of the system supporting child care and education in order to lay the foundations for identifying effective ways to support families and their children.

3. What issues are addressed in the PSKC?

The PSKC will track and investigate the following:

●● **Child developmental index**: Health, growth, temperament, daily activities, and habits, according to the age-appropriate developmental stage. ●● **Characteristics of the parents**:

Parenting quality and practices, the parent's professional lives, and also what the parent's beliefs and expectations are.

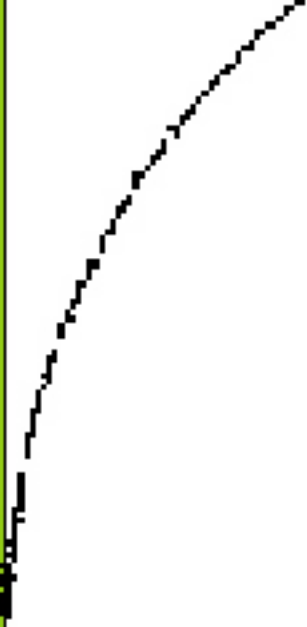
●● **Characteristics of the child's mother**: Maternity, personality, self-concept, and mental health.

●● **Family characteristics**: Economic and physical environment, finances, welfare loads, family relations, communication between family members, marriage, and fathering. ●● **Social support services and policies for early care and education**:

The types, characteristics, availability, and usage of provision for early childhood education and child care. ●● **Community environment**:

Neighborhood safety, atmosphere and supportiveness of the local community for child rearing. ●● **Advocacy for family-oriented policy agenda for child rearing**:

Policies for child care, early childhood education, and to provide support to help maintain a balance between family and work.



4. How is the study conducted?

The PSKC is composed of two kinds of data collection:

- A general survey runs once a year for each of approximately 2,000 panels that started in 2008 with a variety of survey methods such as hospital visits, questionnaires, interviews using CAPI(Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing), telephone calls, and direct-mailing.
- ② An in-depth study of approximately 200 selected panels concerning the child's current developmental status and mother's characteristics.

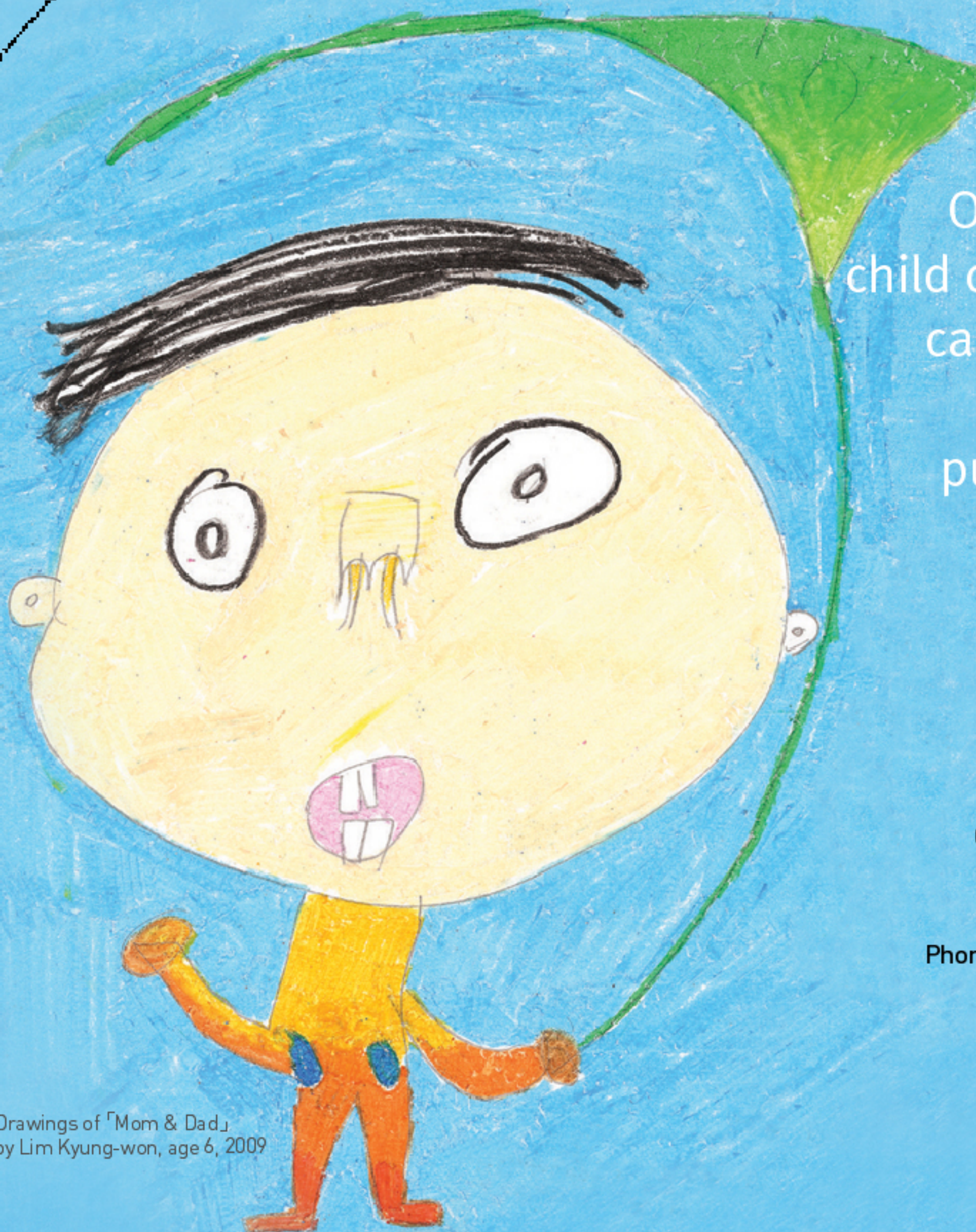
5. The yearly plans for the Panel Study of Korean Children

age year	General Survey										In-depth study
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (1G)	9 (3G)	12 (6G)	
2008											
2009											1st
2010											
2011											
2012											2nd
2013											
2014											
2015											3rd
2017											
2020											

Ecological and life span perspectives for the PSKC

(Bronfenbrenner, U. ; Elder, G.)





Drawings of 「Mom & Dad」
by Lim Kyung-won, age 6, 2009

Only through quality
child care and education,
can our children grow
happily and safely
pursue their dreams.

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