

Assessing Maternal Gatekeeping (PM Roundtable)

I will create a Box folder containing relevant papers and materials, and invite you to it. To the extent possible under copyright restrictions, I also plan to post relevant measures and papers to my coparenting measurement website, see: <https://u.osu.edu/schoppesullivan/coparenting-measurement/>

Overview of Parental Gatekeeping

Schoppe-Sullivan, S. J., & Altenburger, L. E. (2019). Parental gatekeeping. In M. H. Bornstein (Ed), *Handbook of parenting, Vol 3: Being and becoming a parent* (Third Edition), pp. 167- 198. New York: Routledge.

Milestones in Conceptualizations of Gatekeeping

- [Allen and Hawkins' \(1999\)](#) three-dimensional conceptualization (standards & responsibilities, maternal identity confirmation, differentiated family roles)
- Gateopening in addition to gateclosing behavior
 - [Adamsons \(2010\)](#) used identity theory to conceptualize gatekeeping at intersection of parent and gender roles
 - [Schoppe-Sullivan and colleagues \(2008\)](#) conceptualized and assessed maternal gatekeeping along two dimensions: encouragement and criticism
 - [Austin and colleagues \(2013\)](#) focused on child custody disputes and proposed a continuum from facilitative to restrictive gatekeeping
- [Puhlman and Pasley \(2013\)](#) added a distinct dimension capturing parental control
- [Fagan and Cherson \(2017\)](#) distinguished between encouragement and facilitation
- Schoppe-Sullivan & Altenburger (see reverse)

Measures of Gatekeeping (for research purposes)Parent Report

- [Allen and Hawkins' \(1999\)](#) Maternal Gatekeeping Measure
- Van Egeren's (2000) Parental Regulation Inventory – item subsets used to assess gateopening and gateclosing
 - [Schoppe-Sullivan et al. \(2015\)](#) – used 9 items each – items published in article
 - Lee, Schoppe-Sullivan, et al. (in press) demonstrated measurement variance across time and reporter for 6 items each for gateopening and gateclosing -- In B. L. Volling & N. Cabrera (Eds.), *Advancing research and measurement of on fathering and children's development. Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development.*
- [Fagan and Barnett's \(2003\)](#) maternal preferences regarding control over parental decision-making
- [Puhlman and Pasley \(2017\)](#) – three-dimensional measure – distinctiveness of three factors unclear – e.g., correlations between control and discouragement exceeded .80

Observational Measures

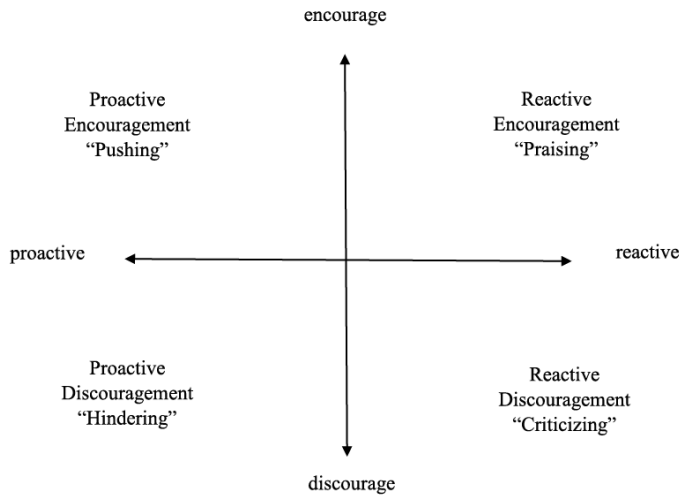
- [Cannon, Schoppe-Sullivan, et al. \(2008\)](#) – only study to utilize observations of maternal gatekeeping behavior – coding system available from me
 - Also used in Lee, Schoppe-Sullivan, et al. (in press). (see above). *Correlations between reports and observations of maternal gatekeeping are modest at best.*

Secondary Data Sets

- [Fagan & Cherson \(2017\)](#) – items from [FFCWB](#) to assess gatekeeping; very limited measurement
- [Holmes et al. \(2013\)](#) – items from A&H and Fagan & Barnett measures in [Flourishing Families](#)

Effects of Gatekeeping on Outcomes of Interest

- On child socio-emotional development via fathers’ engagement: [Yan et al. \(2018\)](#)
- On fathers’ parenting quality: [Altenburger et al. \(2018\)](#)
- On fathers’ perceptions of coparenting and the couple relationship: [Olsavsky et al. \(2019\)](#)



Two-dimensional conceptualization of parental gatekeeping in Schoppe-Sullivan & Altenburger (2019)

Model of relations between maternal gatekeeping and father involvement with many possible moderators (also from Schoppe-Sullivan & Altenburger (2019)).

