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This study describes the psychometric validation of the young parenting inventory (YPI), and tested specific hypotheses regarding the link between one's experience of their parent's behaviors and the development of schema-level core beliefs. The YPI is a measure of perceived parenting experiences, hypothesized to represent the origins of negative core beliefs. This preliminary validation consisted of analyses of factor structure, internal consistency, test-retest reliability, and construct validity. A large non-clinical student sample (N=422) completed the YPI, and a subset also completed the Young Schema Questionnaire-Short form (YSQ-S). Factor analyses demonstrated that a shorter version of the questionnaire (YPI-R) could be developed to represent coherent and meaningful perceptions of each parent. The YPI-R consists of nine scales. Each scale had good test-retest reliability and adequate internal consistency. Significant associations between the YPI-R scales and negative core beliefs (as measured by the YSQ-S) indicated partial construct validity. At this preliminary stage, it can be concluded that the YPI-R has an acceptable level of psychometric utility. However, the hypothesized parenting-negative core belief links were not all substantiated.