



Parent and Caregiver Survey

This is a survey for parents/caregivers who have a child from birth to age five in an early child care and education program prior to kindergarten. **Your responses will help to guide efforts to improve services and results for children, and families.** For each statement below, please select one of the following response choices: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or I don't know. In responding to each statement, think about your experience with the program attended by your child. **IMPORTANT!** Please complete this survey for the **youngest** child you have in an early childhood program. Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous.

My early child care and education program/setting:		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
1.	has qualified staff to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
2.	uses developmentally appropriate activities (activities designed for my child's age and abilities) to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
3.	uses activities that represent different cultures to teach my child.	4	3	2	1	0
4.	promotes the development of good nutrition and healthy habits for my child.	4	3	2	1	0
5.	provides a nurturing and healthy environment.	4	3	2	1	0
6.	provides a safe and age appropriate facility for addressing the developmental needs of my child.	4	3	2	1	0
7.	provides a variety of educational materials to support my child's learning.	4	3	2	1	0
8.	communicates with me about my child's progress and areas of development.	4	3	2	1	0
9.	provides materials and information to me in a language I can understand.	4	3	2	1	0
10.	provides me with information about what to expect for the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
11.	provides me with information about what I need to do to register my child for the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten.	4	3	2	1	0
12.	provides my child with the skills he/she needs to succeed in the next year's early childhood program or kindergarten upon exiting this program.	4	3	2	1	0
13.	provides me with opportunities to learn how to support my child's learning and development at home.	4	3	2	1	0
14.	provides me with opportunities to connect to other organizations that provide support to families.	4	3	2	1	0
15.	is enrolled in Maryland EXCELS, the state's quality rating and improvement system or is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education or other entity.	4	3	2	1	0
In the jurisdiction where my child attends a child care and education program:						
16.	there are many early care and education options for children under the age 3.	4	3	2	1	0
17.	there are many early care and education options for children between the ages of 3-5.	4	3	2	1	0
18.	the early care and education programs available are affordable.	4	3	2	1	0
19.	the early care and education programs have convenient hours for families.	4	3	2	1	0
20.	the early care and education programs are of high quality.	4	3	2	1	0
21.	the early care and education programs have waiting lists of parents hoping to access services.	4	3	2	1	0
22.	I am aware of home visiting services.	4	3	2	1	0
23.	there are enough home visiting programs to meet the needs of families in the community.	4	3	2	1	0
24.	there are enough resources in the community to meet the needs of families and children (housing, food, medical, and supplemental services).	4	3	2	1	0
25.	there are sufficient health resources and health professionals in the community to meet everyone's needs.	4	3	2	1	0



26. Which of the following are the most important reasons you chose your early care and education program? (circle up to three choices):

Cost	State accreditation	Distance from home or work	EXCELS rating	Physical space (cleanliness and/or square footage)
Administration	Friends have a child enrolled at the center	Hours of operation	Teacher quality	Other:

27. If there are things that you could change about your current child care provider, what would they be? (circle one)

Improve the facility/make physical space nicer	Change the curriculum	Provide the teachers with more training	Make the teachers more sensitive to my child's needs	Provide more information about my child's development and what I can be doing at home
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28. If the cost of child care was not an issue, would you change your current child care provider to a different one? (circle one)

Yes

No

Demographics

1. Please circle the county in which the early child care and education program attended by your child is located.

Allegany County	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Calvert County	Caroline County
Carroll County	Cecil County	Charles County	Dorchester County	Frederick County	Garrett County
Harford County	Howard County	Kent County	Montgomery County	Prince George's County	Queen Anne's County
St. Mary's County	Somerset County	Talbot County	Washington County	Wicomico County	Worcester County

2. How many children do you have between 0-5?

Number of children: _____

3. What is the age of your youngest child?

Age of child: _____

4. Please circle the language that you primarily speak in your home.

English

Spanish

French

Mandarin

Amharic

Other: _____



5. Please circle your race/ethnicity.

Black/African American

Asian

Hispanic

White/Caucasian

American Indian or Alaskan

More than one race

Other: _____

6. Please circle the type of early care or education program you use for your child?

Publically funded pre-K

Nursery school (private)

Licensed child care center

Head Start

Family child care

At Home with a relative or in informal care

Home visiting program

7. Does your child have any special needs (circle one)?

Yes

No

8. Is your child an English Learner? In other words, does your child currently speak any language better than they speak English? (circle one)

Yes

No

9. What is your annual household income? (circle one)

I prefer not to answer

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000 to \$49,999

\$50,000 to \$74,999

\$75,000 to \$99,999

\$100,000 to \$124,999

Over \$125,000

10. Is there anything else you want to share with us about the needs of families and children in your community?

Thank you for your participation!

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