# 2009 National Household Education Surveys Program 

## Early Childhood Program Participation Survey

- This survey is for the family at:
\{ADDRESS STREET\}
\{ADDRESS CITY, STATE \& ZIP\}
If this is not your address please call the toll-free number 1-888-696-5670.
- If the address is correct, we ask that this survey be filled in by the adult who knows the most about:


## \{SAMPLED CHILD\}

Please answer all the survey questions thinking about this child or youth.

If there is no one in this household who has either the same age or grade given above, or if you are unable to tell which child the survey is about, please call 1-888-696-5670.

- Not all of the questions will apply to you - you will sometimes be asked to skip one or more questions based on your answers.
- To answer a question, simply mark $\boldsymbol{\otimes}$ the box that best represents your answer.
- Use a black or blue pen to complete this survey. Do not use felt-tip pen or pencil.
- Please choose only one answer per question, unless the question indicates Mark all that apply. Your best estimate is fine.
- In a response to our first survey, we recorded that the child/youth has not yet started kindergarten. If this child is attending either public or private school or is homeschooled in grades Kindergarten through $12^{\text {th }}$ or equivalent mark the correct box below and return this survey in the postage paid envelope. We will send you the correct survey for this child.This child attends public or private school in grades K through 12This child is homeschooled in grades K through 12

The Privacy Act requires us to tell you that we are authorized to collect this information by Section $411.285 \mathrm{a}, 42$ USC. You do not have to provide the information requested. However, the information you provide will help the Department of Education's ongoing efforts to learn more about the educational experiences of children and families. There are no penalties should you choose not to participate in this study.

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## Section 1. Early Childhood Care and Programs

These questions ask about different types of child care this child may now receive on a regular basis from someone other than his/her parents or guardians. This includes regular care and early childhood programs, whether or not there is a charge or fee, but not occasional babysitting.

## Care Your Child Receives from Relatives

1. Is this child now receiving care from a relative other than a parent on a regular basis, for example, from grandparents, brothers or sisters, or any other relatives?Yes
No


GO TO QUESTION 18
2. Are any of these care arrangements regularly scheduled at least once a week?YesNo


GO TO QUESTION 18
3. These next questions are about the care that this child receives from the relative who provides the most care. How is that relative related to this child?

Mark [X] only one.Grandmother/GrandfatherAunt /UncleBrother /SisterAnother relative
4. How old is the relative who provides the most care to this child?
$\qquad$ Years old
5. Is this care provided in your home or another home?Own homeOther homeBoth
6. How many days each week does this child receive care from this relative?
$\qquad$ Days each week
7. How many hours each week does this child receive care from this relative?
$\qquad$ Hours each week
8. How old was this child in years and months when this particular regular care arrangement with this relative began?
$\qquad$ | Years

| Months
9. What language does this relative speak most when caring for this child?
$\square \quad$ EnglishSpanish
OtherEnglish and Spanish equallyEnglish and another language equally
10. Will this relative care for this child when the child is...

11. Is this care arrangement Head Start?

Head Start is a federally sponsored preschool program primarily for children from lowincome families.

Yes
$\square$ No
12. Is there any charge or fee for the care this child receives from this relative, paid either by you or some other person or agency?
$\square$ Yes
13. Do any of the following people or organizations help pay for this relative to care for this child?

14. How much does your household pay for this relative to care for this child, not counting any money that may be received from others to help pay for care?

Write '0' if your household does not pay this relative for care.

15. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?This child only2 children3 children4 children5 or more children
16. Does this child have any other care arrangements with a relative on a regular basis?

17. How many total hours each week does this child spend in those other care arrangements with relatives?
$\qquad$ Hours each week

## Care Your Child Receives from Nonrelatives

18. The next questions ask about any care this child receives from someone not related to him/her, either in your home or someone else's home. This includes home child care providers or neighbors, but not day care centers or preschools.

Is this child now receiving care in your home or another home on a regular basis from someone who is not related to him/her?

Yes
$\square$ No $\square$ GO TO QUESTION 36
19. Are any of these care arrangements regularly scheduled at least once a week?

20. These next questions are about the care that this child receives from someone who is not related to him/her who provides the most care. Is this care provided in your own home or in another home?Own homeOther home $\longrightarrow$ GO TO QUESTION 22Both $\square O$ QUESTION 22
21. Does this person who cares for this child live in your household?YesNo
22. How many days each week does this child receive care from that person?
$\qquad$ Days each week
23. How many hours each week does this child receive care from that person?
$\qquad$ Hours each week
24. How old was this child in years and months when this particular regular care arrangement with that person began?
$\qquad$ Years
$\qquad$ Months
25. Was this care provider someone you already knew?YesNo
26. Is this child's care provider age 18 or older?YesNo
27. What language does this care provider speak most when caring for this child?English
$\square$ SpanishOtherEnglish and Spanish equally
$\square$ English and another language equally
28. Will this care provider care for this child when this child is...
a.

Sick but does not have a fever?
b. Sick and has a fever?

29. Is this care arrangement Head Start?

Head Start is a federally sponsored preschool program primarily for children from lowincome families.YesNo
30. Is there any charge or fee for the care this child receives from this care provider, paid either by you or some other person or agency?Yes
$\square$ No $\square$ GO TO QUESTION 34
31. Do any of the following people or organizations help pay for that person to care for this child?
a. A relative of this child outside your household who provides money specifically for that care, not including general child support?
b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF?

32. How much does your household pay for that person to care for this child, not counting any money that may be received from others to help pay for care?

Write '0' if your household does not pay that person for care.

33. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?

This child only2 children3 children

4 children5 or more children
34. Does this child have any other care arrangements with someone who is not a relative on a regular basis? Do not include arrangements at day care centers or preschools.YesNo

35. How many total hours each week does this child spend in those other care arrangements with non-relatives?
$\qquad$ Hours

## Daycare Centers and Preschool Programs your Child Attends

36. The next questions ask about any day care centers and early childhood programs that this child attends. Is this child now attending a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten,?

Yes
$\square$ No $\quad$ GO TO QUESTION 54
37. Does this child go to a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten, at least, once each week?
$\square$ YesNo
38. The next questions ask about the program where this child spends the most time. Where is that program located?

Mark [X] only one.Church, synagogue, or other place of worshipPublic preschool or school (K-12)Private preschool or school (K-12)College or universityCommunity centerPublic libraryIt's own building, or storefront

Some other place $\rightarrow$ specify:
39. Is that program run by a church, synagogue, or other religious group?YesNo
40. Is that program located at your workplace or this child's other parent's workplace?YesNo
41. How many days each week does this child go to that program?
$\qquad$ Days each week
42. How many hours each week does this child go to that program?
$\qquad$ Hours each week
43. How old was this child in years and months when he/she started going to this particular program?
$\qquad$ Years
$\qquad$ Months
44. What language does this child's main care provider or teacher at that program speak most when caring for this child?
$\square$ EnglishSpanish
$\square$ OtherEnglish and Spanish equally
$\square$ English and another language equally
45. Does that program provide any of the following services to this child or your family?
a. Hearing, speech, or vision testing?

d. Formal testing for developmental or learning problems?

46. Since September, how many times has this child's main care provider or teacher at that program changed?Never1 to 2 times3 or more times
47. Is this program that this child goes to Head Start?

Head Start is a federally sponsored preschool program primarily for children from lowincome families.YesNo
48. Is there any charge or fee for this program, paid either by you or some other person or agency?Yes
No

49. Do any of the following people or organizations help pay for this child to go to that program?

50. How much does your household pay for this child to go to that program, not counting any money that you may receive from others to help pay for care?

Write '0' if your household does not pay for that program.
$\qquad$ Dollars perHourDayWeekMonthYearEvery 2 weeksOther $\rightarrow$ specify: $\qquad$
51. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?This child only2 children3 children4 children5 or more children
52. Does this child have any other care arrangements at a day care center or preschool on a regular basis?
$\square$ Yes

53. How many total hours each week do they spend at those daycare centers or preschools?
$\qquad$ Hours

## Head Start

54. Has this child ever attended Head Start or Early Head Start?

Yes

## Section 2. Finding and Choosing Care for Your Child

55. Do you feel there are good choices for child care or early childhood programs where you live?

YesNoDon't know / Have not tried to find care
56. In Section 1 of this questionnaire, we asked about child care arrangements you may now have for this child including arrangements with relatives, non-relatives, day care centers, preschools, and any other early childhood programs. Did you report any childcare arrangements or programs?YesNo
 GO TO SECTION 3
57. How much difficulty did you have finding the type of child care or early childhood program you wanted for this child?

A lotSomeA littleNo difficultyDid not found the child care program you wanted

The next question asks about how you decided on the child care arrangements and early childhood programs you now have for this child. If you have more than one care arrangement or program for this child, think about the one where this child spends the MOST time.
58. Parents select child care arrangements for a number of reasons. How important was each of these reasons when you chose the child care arrangement for this child.
a. The location of the arrangement
b. The cost of the arrangement
c. The reliability of the arrangement
d. The learning activities at the arrangement
e. The child spending time with other kids his/her age
f. The times during the day that this caregiver is able to provide care
g. The number of other children in the child's care group
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\text { important }\end{array}
$$ $$
\begin{array}{c}\text { A little } \\
\text { important }\end{array}
$$ \quad \begin{array}{c}Somewhat <br>

important\end{array}\right)\)| Very |
| :---: |
| important |

## Section 3. Family Activities

59. The next questions ask about this child's activities with family members in the past week.

About how many books does this child have of his/her own, including those shared with brothers or sisters?
$\qquad$ Books
60. How many times have you or someone in your family read to this child in the past week?
$\square$ Not at all $\square$ GO TO QUESTION 621 or 2 times3 or more times
$\square$ Every day
61. About how many minutes on each of those days do you or someone in your family read to this child?
$\qquad$ Minutes
62. In the past week, how many times has anyone in your family done the following things with this child?
a. Told this child a story

63. In the past month, have you or someone in your family visited a library with this child?YesNo

## Section 4: Things Your Child May be Learning

64. These next questions ask about things that different children do at different ages. These things may or may not be true for this child.

Is this child under 2 years old or is he/she 2 years old or older?

Under 2 years old
2 years old or older
65. Can this child identify the colors red, yellow, blue, and green by name?Yes, all of themYes, some of themNo
66. Can this child recognize the letters of the alphabet?Yes, all of themYes, most of themYes, some of themNo
67. How high can this child count?Not at allUp to 5Up to 10Up to 20Up to 50Up to 100 or more
68. Can this child write his/her first name, even if some of the letters are backwards?YesNo
69. Does this child ever look at a book and pretend to read?
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No $\quad$ GO TO QUESTION 71
70. When this child pretends to read a book, does it sound like a connected story, or does he/she tell what's in each picture without much connection between them?Sounds like connected storyTells what's in each pictureDoes both
71. Is this child able to read story books on his/her own now?
$\square$ YesNo

## Section 5: This Child's Health

72. In general, how would you describe this child's health?
$\square$ Excellent
$\square$ Very good
$\square$ GoodFairPoor
73. Has a health professional told you that this child has any of the following disabilities?
a. A specific learning disability
b. Mental retardation
c. A speech or language delay
d. A serious emotional disturbance
e. Deafness or another hearing impairment
f. Blindness or another visual impairment not corrected with glasses
g. An orthopedic impairment
h. Autism
i. Attention deficit disorder, ADD or ADHD
j. Pervasive Developmental Disorder or PDD
k. Another health impairment lasting 6 months or more


If you marked yes for any disability in QUESTION 73 continue with this section. If you marked no for all disabilities then GO TO QUESTION 82
74. Is this child receiving services for his/her condition?

YesNo
75. Are these services provided by any of the following sources?
a. Your local school district
b. A state or local health or social service agency
c. A doctor, clinic, or other health care provider

76. Are any of these services provided through an Individualized Educational Program or Plan, or IEP?
$\square$ YesNo $\longmapsto$ GO TO QUESTION 79
77. Did any adult in your household work with the school to develop or change this child's IEP?YesNo
78. During this school year, to what extent have you been satisfied or dissatisfied with the following aspects of this child's IEP (Individualized Education Program or Plan)?

|  |  | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | Does no apply |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | The school's communication with your family | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b. | The child's special needs teacher or therapist |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |
| c. | The school's ability to accommodate the child's special needs | $\square$ | $\Gamma$ | $\Gamma$ | $\square$ |  |
| d. | The school's commitment to help your child learn | $\square$ | $\Gamma$ | $\square$ |  |  |

79. Is this child currently enrolled in any special education classes or services?

YesNo
80. Does this child's disability affect his/her ability to learn?

Yes
No

## Section 6: Your Child's Background

81. In what month and year was this child born?

82. Where was this child born?
$\square$ One of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia GO TO QUESTION 84
$\square$ One of the U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)Another country
83. How old was this child when he/she first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?

84. Is this child of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?YesNo
85. What is this child's race? You may mark more than one.

Mark [X] all that apply.
WhiteBlack or African AmericanAmerican Indian or Alaska NativeAsianNative Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
86. What language does this child speak most at home?

Mark [X] only one.
$\square$ English $\square$ GO TO SECTION 7
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
$\square$ English and Spanish equally
$\square \quad$ English and another language equally
87. Is this child currently enrolled in English as a second language, bilingual education, or an English immersion program?

Yes
$\square$ No

## Section 7: Child's Mother or Female Guardian

88. Does this child have a mother, stepmother or female guardian living in the same household?YesNo

89. Is this person the child's...
$\square \quad$ Birth mother,
$\square \quad$ Adoptive mother,
$\square \quad$ Stepmother,
$\square \quad$ Foster mother,
$\square \quad$ Grandmother, or
$\square \quad$ Other female guardian
90. How old was this woman when she first became a mother or guardian to any child?
$\qquad$ | AGE
91. What is the marital status of this child's mother or female guardian?MarriedSeparatedDivorcedWidowedNever married
92. What was the first language this child's mother or female guardian learned to speak? Mark [X] only one.English $\square$ GO TO QUESTION 97SpanishA language other than English or SpanishEnglish and Spanish equallyEnglish and another language equally
93. What language does she speak most at home now?

> Mark [X] only one.EnglishSpanishA language other than English or SpanishEnglish and Spanish equallyEnglish and another language equally
94. Where was this child's mother or female guardian born?One of the 50 United States or the District of ColumbiaOne of the U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)Another country
95. How old was she when she first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?

96. Is she of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?YesNo
97. What is her race? You may mark more than one.

Mark [ X ] all that apply.WhiteBlack or African AmericanAmerican Indian or Alaska NativeAsianNative Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander?
98. What is the highest grade or year of school that she completed?Up to $8^{\text {th }}$ gradeHigh School, but no diplomaHigh school diploma or equivalent (GED)Vocational diploma after high school
$\square$ Some college, but no degreeAssociates degree (AA, AS)Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)Master's degree (MA, MS)Doctorate Degree (PhD, EDD)Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)
99. Is she currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational education or job training?YesNo
100. Which of the following best describes her employment status?

Mark [X] only one.Employed for pay or incomeSelf employedOut of work for more than one yearOut of work for less than one year
A homemakerRetired
Disabled or unable to work

101. (Employed or Self employed :) About how many hours per week does she usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?

GO TO QUESTION 103
HOURS
102. (Out of work :) Has she been actively looking for work in the past 4 weeks?YesNo
103. In the past 12 months, how many months (if any) has she worked for pay or income?


MONTHS

## Section 8: Child's Father or Male Guardian.

104. Does this child have a father, stepfather or male guardian living in the same household?Yes
No
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105. Is this person the child's...
$\square \quad$ Birth father,
$\square \quad$ Adoptive father,
$\square \quad$ Stepfather,
$\square \quad$ Foster father,
$\square \quad$ Grandfather, orOther male guardian?
106. What is the marital status of this child's father or male guardian?MarriedSeparated
$\square$ DivorcedWidowedNever married
107. What was the first language the child's father or male guardian learned to speak?

Mark [X] only one.
$\square$ English $\quad$ GO TO QUESTION 109SpanishA language other than English or Spanish
$\square$ English and Spanish equally
$\square$ English and another language equally
108. What language does he speak most at home now?

Mark [X] only one.
$\square$ English
$\square$ SpanishA language other than English or Spanish
$\square$ English and Spanish equallyEnglish and another language equally
109. Where was this child's father or male guardian born?
$\square$ One of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia $\square$ GO TO QUESTION 111One of the U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)Another country
110. How old was he when he first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?
$\qquad$
111. Is he of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?YesNo
112. What is his race?

Mark [X] all that apply.White
$\square$ Black or African AmericanAmerican Indian or Alaska NativeAsianNative Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
113. What is the highest grade or year of school that he completed?Up to $8^{\text {th }}$ gradeHigh School, but no diplomaHigh school diploma or equivalent (GED)Vocational diploma after high school
$\square$ Some college, but no degreeAssociates degree (AA, AS)Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)Master's degree (MA, MS)Doctorate Degree (PhD, EDD)Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)
114. Is he currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational education or job training?YesNo
115. Which of the following best describes his employment status?

Mark [X] only one.Employed for pay or incomeSelf employedOut of work for more than one year $\} \square$ GO TO QUESTION 117Out of work for less than one year
A homemakerRetiredDisabled or unable to work

116. (Employed or self employed :) About how many hours per week does he usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?

$\square$ GO TO QUESTION 118
HOURS
117. (Out of work :) Has he been actively looking for work in the past 4 weeks?YesNo
118. In the past 12 months, how many months (if any) has he worked for pay or income? |___|__|
MONTHS

## Section 9: Your Household

119. Please mark all of the people who live in the household with this child, including yourself and those you have already been asked about.

Mark [X] all that apply.
Mother (including birth, adoptive, step, or foster mothers)
$\square$ Father (including birth, adoptive, step, or foster fathers)
$\square$ Brother (full, half, adoptive, step, or foster brothers)
$\square$ Sister (full, half, adoptive, step, or foster sisters)
$\square$ Aunt
$\square$ Uncle
$\square$ Grandmother
$\square$ Grandfather
$\square$ CousinOther relativeSame sex parent
$\square$ Girlfriend or partner of this child's parent or guardian
$\square$ Boyfriend or partner of this child's parent or guardian
$\square$ Other nonrelatives
120. In the past 12 months did your family ever receive benefits from any of the following programs?
a. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF
b. Your state welfare or family assistance program

121. In studies like this, households are sometimes grouped according to income. What was the total income of all persons in your household over the past year, including salaries or other earnings, interest, retirement, and so on?
\$0 to \$10,000
\$10,001 to \$20,000
\$20,001 to \$30,000\$30,001 to \$40,000
$\$ 40,001$ to $\$ 50,000$$\$ 50,001$ to $\$ 60,000$$\$ 60,000$ to $\$ 75,000$
\$75,001 to \$100,000
\$100,001 to \$150,000\$150,001 or more

## Thank you.

Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have lost the envelope, mail the completed questionnaire to:

National Household Education Survey<br>1650 Research Blvd. Room XXXX<br>Rockville, MD 20850

