Workforce Provider Questionnaire

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Introduction

Hello, my name is [NAME] and I am from NORC at the University of Chicago We are conducting a study about the experiences of people who provide care for children under age 13. This study is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is designed to help the government understand how private decisions and public policies affect the supply and demand of child and schoolage care in our country. The interview takes about 20 minutes to complete and any information you provide will be kept confidential and only be used for research purposes.

Taking part in this research is voluntary. You may choose not to answer any questions you don't wish to answer, or end the interview at any time. We are required by the Federal Privacy Act to develop and follow strict procedures to protect your information and use your answers only for research. If you have any questions about this survey, I will provide a telephone number for you to call to get more information.

Parts of this interview may be recorded for quality control purposes. This will not compromise the strict confidentiality of your responses. May I continue with the recording?

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A. Characteristics of the ECE and School-age Program Workforce

I. Demographic Characteristics:

[CB-provider Quex items]

A1a. Are you a lead teacher, other teacher, assistant teacher or aide? A1b. Are you a male or female?
A1c. How old are you?
A1e. Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent?
A1f. Which of the following are you? Please select one or more.
1□ White
2□ Black or African American
3□ Asian
4□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
5□ American Indian or Alaska Native
6□ (IF VOLUNTEERED) OTHER

A2.	What language do you feel most comfortable speaking?
	1 English
	² Spanish
	3 Other:
	A2a. Do you speak any other languages?
	1 Yes
	2 No
	A2b. What else do you speak?
	1 U English
	2 Spanish
	3 Other:
A3.	In what country were you born?
	A3a. (IF BORN OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.) In what year did you move to the U.S. to
	stay?
A4.	What is your current marital status?
	1 Never married
	2 Married
	3 Separated
	4 Divorced
	5 Widowed
A5.	[Question about household composition]
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A6.	Approximately what was your total household income in 2008? Please include income from wages and salaries earned by you or other adults in your household. Also include
	government assistance, gifts, or other income you may have had.
	Dollars
IF D	K/REF, ASK J23b.
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- A6a. Was that before or after taxes and deductions?
 1 before taxes or deductions
 2 after taxes or deductions
 A6b. I understand that it can be difficult to remember if you can tell me an approximate range. Pleas that you think best describes your total househ
- **A6b.** I understand that it can be difficult to remember or report these numbers. I wonder if you can tell me an approximate range. Please stop me when I read the category that you think best describes your total household income in 2008 before taxes or deductions.
 - 1 0 to \$7,500
 - 2 | \$7,501 to \$15,000
 - з [\$15,001 to \$22,500
 - 4 S22,501 to \$30,000
 - 5 S30,001 to \$45,000
 - 6 \$45,001 or more
- **A6c.** Approximately how much of your household income in 2008 came from your work taking care of children?
 - 1 Almost all
 - 2 More than half
 - 3 About half
 - 4 Less than half
 - 5 Very little

II. Qualifications:

A7a. Do you have a 4-year college degree?

- **A7b.** Do you have some form of certification from a college or university to teach young children, or as a special education or elementary school teacher?
- **A7c.** Do you have any training *outside of higher education* in child development or early care and education?
- **A7d.** Have you received any professional development or other training on working with young children in the past 12 months?
- **A7e.** How long have you worked in your program?
- **A7f.** How many years of experience do you have working with children under age 13? Please do not count any experience raising your own children.
- **A8.** What is the highest grade or level of schooling that you have ever completed? (READ IF NECESSARY)
 - 1 8th GRADE OR LESS
 - 2 9th-12th GRADE NO DIPLOMA
 - 3 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR GED COMPLETED
 - 4 SOME COLLEGE CREDIT BUT NO DEGREE
 - 5 ASSOCIATE DEGREE (AA, AS)
 - 6 BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BA, BS, AB)
 - 7 GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
- **A9.** Are you currently enrolled in a degree program?
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No.
- **A10.** [IF A8 GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 4 (some college credit but no degree) **OR** A9=1 YES, ASK A10a-c] Do you have a degree in...

	Yes	No
a. child development or early care and education?	1	2
b. special education?	1	2
c. elementary education?	1	2

A11.	[IF A8 GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 4 (some college)] In the past 12 months, how many credits have you earned for college coursework focusing on child development, education or early childhood?			
	Number of credits			
A12.	Do you have some form of certification to teach young children?			
	1 Yes 2 No			
A13.	Do you have some form of certification as a special education teacher or elementary school teacher?			
	1 Yes 2 No			
A14.	[Additional question about training or certification for specific groups of children (special needs, English Language Learners, etc.)]			
A15.	Do you have any training <i>outside of higher education</i> in child development or early care and education?			
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A16.	In the past 12 months, how many total hours would you say you've spent learning more about caring for children? In your total, include all sources of training. These range from videotapes, the internet, and study materials to study groups, professional meetings, and conferences. Please answer in terms of actual hours of time spent.			
	Number of hours			
A17.	• How long have you been caring for children under age 13, not including raising any of your own children?			
	Years and Months			
	A17a. How many of those years did you care for children under age 13 as an employee of a center or other organization serving children?			
	Years and Months			

A18. Have you participated in any of the following types of early childhood training activities during the past 6 months? Please circle Yes or No and check the content area of training. [Type of training (have you experienced this type of training?)]

- a. Workshops (Yes/No)
- b. Ongoing consultation from a specialist (Yes/No)
- c. Visits to other child care classes (Yes/No)
- d. Professional Organization Meetings (Yes/No)
- e. Courses at high school (Yes/No)
- f. Courses at a community college or four-year college (Yes/No)

[For each of the above "yes" responses] Which of these content areas were covered in this type of training? (Check all that apply)

☐ child development (language, motor, cognitive, social, and
emotional development)
☐ behavior management
☐ health and safety (CPR, nutrition)
☐ child care environment
☐ serving children who have disabilities
☐ working with families and other professionals
□ planning individual and group activities
□ other (please list)
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- **A19.** [Question about participation in professional registries]
- **A20.** [Question about professional associations]
- **A21.** [Question about union participation and perceived benefits and costs of such participation]
- **A22.** [Question about supervision and support from provider leadership]

III.Compensation and employment status:

- **A23.** [Question about years of general work experience]
 - **A24.** Approximately how many hours per week do you usually work?
 - **A24a.** [Question, if part-time, about whether from PT from preference or employment availability]
 - **A24b.** [Question about frequency of reduced or increased hours]
 - **A25.** [Question about supervisory experience ECE and other; age group(s) of children for whom they are responsible]
 - **A26.** How much are you paid? RECORD AMOUNT AND TIME UNIT. PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NEEDED.
 - **A27.** Please tell me if you receive any of the following benefits: READ ALL CATEGORIES
 - 1 reduced tuition at your program
 - ² funds for (him/her) to receive training
 - ³ retirement program such as a retirement annuity, 401(k) or 403(b) plan
 - 4 health insurance

B. Activities and passive pursuits: amount and percent of time spent on:

B1. Please tell me how children spent their day in your program yesterday/the last day your program met. (RECORD VEBATIM AND CODE IN CHART BELOW)

Activity codes:

- 1 outdoor time
- 2 physical activity
- 3 creative activities
- 4 teacher-directed instruction (such as learning animals, colors, numbers, letters)
- 5 Other teacher-directed group activities, such as reading aloud or storytelling
- 6 Activities chosen by child
- 7 socializing with other children
- 8 basic needs (sleep, toilet, food)

Start	Stop time	Activity verbatim	Activity code
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			12345678

B1a. [IF GROUP IS SCHOOL-AGED] Now please tell me how children in [this group] spent their day in your program yesterday/the last day your program met. (RECORD VEBATIM AND CODE IN CHART BELOW).

Activity codes:

- 1 academic activities (tutoring, homework help, college prep, etc.)
- 2 Arts/Cultural enrichment (arts, music, cooking, going to museums, multicultural awareness, etc.)
- 3 Physical or Athletic activities
- 4 Social or Recreational activities
- 5 Community service/civic engagement
- 6 Technology (computer programming/web site design)
- 7 socializing with other children

8 Supervised free time

Start time	Stop time	Activity verbatim	Activity code
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- 1 Every day
- $_2$ 2-3 times per week
- 3 2-4 times per month
- 4 Very rarely
- 5 Never

B3. How often do children in this group watch other programming?

- ₁ Every day
- $_2$ 2-3 times per week
- 3 2-4 times per month
- 4 Very rarely
- 5 Never

B4. How often do children in this group use computers?

- ₁ Every day
- $_{2}$ 2-3 times per week
- 3 2-4 times per month
- ⁴ Very rarely
- 5 Never

C. Staff attitudes and orientation to caregiving:

I. Perception of caregiving role

C1. How often do the following things happen at work?

(Response options: Rarely, sometimes, most of the time)

- **C1a.** Parents come late to pick up their children
- C1b. Parents blame their child's bad behavior on day care
- **C1c.** Children with behavior problems are hard to deal with
- **C1d.** I know the children are happy with me
- **C1e.** I have one-on-one time with the children
- **C1f.** There are major sources of stress in the children's lives that I can't do anything about
- **C1g.** I have to work long hours
- **C1h.** All the children need attention at the same time
- **C1i.** I know that I am appreciated by the parents
- **C1j.** I feel respected for the work that I do
- **C1k.** I have to provide coverage for other teacher's classrooms
- **C11.** There are enough adults in my classroom to give me help
- **C1m.** I have enough help from childhood consultants

C2. How much control do you have over the following things at work?

(Response options: Rarely, sometimes, most of the time)

- C2a. The types of daily activities you do
- C2b. Getting children to do what you want
- **C2c.** Getting the parents to be consistent with you in how to deal with a child
- C2d. Taking time off from work when you need it
- **C2e.** Taking time by yourself during the workday

C3. Please share with us your beliefs about children's early

learning: (Response options: Disagree, Neither agree nor Disagree, Agree)

- **C3a.** Basic skills (such as learning letters and numbers)should be the teachers top priority
- **C3b.** Teachers should not emphasize right and wrong answer
- C3c. Children best learn through active, self-initiated exploration
- **C3d.** It is important for children to follow the teacher's plan of activities

C4. Please share with us your beliefs about children's behavior: Disagree, Neither agree nor Disagree, Agree)

C4a. Sometimes one child with a lot of problems can be very disruptive to the class

C4b. I often feel that I do not have control over the classroom

C4c. My classroom becomes so noisy that I feel very irritated

C4d. I am confident about other teachers' skills in managing my classroom

C4e. Sometime a child will deliberately misbehave to get me upset

C4f. Some children do things that I do not know how to handle

C4g. Sometimes I feel hopeless about certain children in the group

C4h. I sometimes have to send a child to the director's office

C4i. My children know how to follow classroom rules and routines

C5. [FOR EACH AGE GROUP LISTED IN A10:] Indicate the extent to which the you consider each of the following to be an objective or goal of your program. Indicate whether each is (1) a major objective, (2) a minor objective, or (3) not an objective of this Center:

		Objective Rating				
		Age group1	Age group 2	Age group 3	Age group 4	Age group 5
a.	Provide a safe environment for kids after school					
b.	Help kids to improve academic performance (e.g., grades, test scores)					
c.	Help kids to develop socially					
d.	Provide cultural opportunities for kids					
e.	Provide physical or recreational activities for kids					
f.	Prevent risky behavior					
g.	Other DESCRIBE:					

II. Teacher-parent relationships, sensitivity to parent needs, family support

- **C6.** [Question about how active parents are and should be in ECE and school-age programs]
- **C7.** How important are the following to you:

		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Not at all Important
a.	Your relationships with parents?	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 🛚
b.	Understanding what parents' schedules are like?	1 []	2 [3 [4 []
c.	Flexibility in working with parents' schedules?	1 []	2 [3 []	4 🛘
d.	Paying attention to suggestions parents make about caring for their children?	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []

- **C8.** [READ] The care that a child receives can vary for many reasons. The environment they're in, the money and other resources available to the person providing care, how the parent works with the care provider, etc.
 - **C8a.** If 1 means 'the best possible care there is' and 5 means 'not as good as I'd like it to be,' please tell me how you would rate the care **your program provides to children [under age 3/aged 3 to 5/school-age].** In terms of:

		Rating	N/A
a.	having a safe environment		0
b.	being warm and nurturing		0
c.	helping them learn so they can do well in school		0
d.	helping them learn how to get along with others		0
e.	helping them with their physical skills		0
f.	teaching them your program's values		0

C9. How often in the last three months have you raised any of the following with a parent ...

		Never	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
1.	parenting issues?	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 🛚
2.	[IF A20=1 (YES), ASK:] payment of program fees?	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
3.	coming late to pick up a child?	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 🛘
4.	the parents' ideas about how to care for their child?	1 🛚	2 []	3 []	4 []

C10. In the last three months, how often has a parent talked with you about any of the following...

		Never	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
1.	Something the child's teacher/caregiver is doing with the child or group	1 []	2 [3 []	4 []
2.	The child's behavior and how parents can discipline the child at home	1 []	2 [3 []	4 []
3.	The child's development and health	1 []	2	3 []	4 []
4.	How parents can support children's learning at home	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
5.	Recent family activities or events	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 🛚
6.	Stress parents are feeling about work, finances, and other family/partner relationships.	1 []	2 [3 []	4 []

C11. The following questions are about various services that children and their families might require in addition to your program's basic offerings.

C11a. Are any of the following	4.0	Does your program pay for this	1□ Yes
available to children on-site at your program, including by	1 ¶ Yes →	service? →	2 □ No
another organization that is located at your site?		Does your program provide	1□ Yes
Health screening: medical, dental, vision, hearing, or speech?	2 □ No →	referrals to this service? →	2 □ No
C11b. Are development	4.0	Does your program pay for this	1□ Yes
assessments available to children on-site at your program? IF	1 ¶ Yes →	service? →	2 □ No
NEEDED: please include services		Does your program provide	1□ Yes
offered by another organization that is located at your site.	2 □ No →	referrals to this service? →	2 □ No
C11c. Are therapeutic services	1 ¶ Yes →	Does your program pay for this	1□ Yes
such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, or services		service? →	2 □ No
for children with special needs available to children on-site at			1□ Yes
your program? IF NEEDED: please include services offered by another organization that is located at your site.	2 □ No →	Does your program provide referrals to this service? →	2 □ No
C11d. Are counseling services for		Does your program pay for this	1□ Yes
children or parents available onsite at your program?	1 ¶ Yes →	service? →	2 □ No
IF NEEDED: please include			1□ Yes
services offered by another organization that is located at your site.	2 □ No →	Does your program provide referrals to this service? →	2 □ No
			1□ Yes

C11e. Are any of the following available to children on-site at your program? Social services to	1 □ Yes →	Does your program pay for this service? →		2 □ No		
parents such as housing assistance, food stamps, financial aid, or				1□ Yes		
medical care. IF NEEDED: please include services offered by another organization that is located at your site. Does your program provide referrals to this service? \rightarrow		2 □ No				
C11f. [IF YES TO D11e_1 or D11e_2] In the last year, how many parents has your program provided with social services assistance, including referrals? Number of parents						
C12. [Question about the importance of consistent learning and discipline styles between home and ECE and school-age programs]						
[IF R DOES NOT CHARGE PAR	ENTS, SKIP	TO C14]				
 C13. In the past 3 months, have you provided financial aid or reduced the fees that you charge a family because of a <i>change</i> in their personal circumstances? 1 Yes → (ASK D12A) 2 No → (SKIP TO D13) C13a. About how many families have you done this for? 						
Number of families						
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III. Job satisfaction, morale, perception of management, staff emotional status/depression

- **C14** Do you have access to a family support resource/mental health consultant/guidance counselor?
 - 1 Yes **→** (ASK C14a)

	C14a. Is this pers	son located at your site or somewhere else in the community?
	1 🛭 On-	site full-time
	₂ I On	-site part-time
	-	-site
C15.	Do you feel you	have the resources you need to address concerns raised by parents?
	₁ Yes	
	2	
C16.	Would you say th	nat you feel overwhelmed by the concerns parents share with you?
	₁ Often	
	2 Occasionall	y
	з 🛮 Rarely	
	4 Never	
C17.		ild receives can vary for many reasons. The environment they're in, the rces available to the person providing care, the child's own behavior, etc.
	C17a. What is the CODE	e main reason that you care for children? RECORD VERBATIM AND
	1 🛭 T	o earn money
	_	o have a job that lets me work from home
	-	o help children's parents
	В	o help children
	C17b. What do y	ou see as your main responsibility when caring for children? RECORD
	VERBATIM AN	
	1 🛚 H	Telp their development
	2 [K	Leep them safe/ out of trouble
	3 [] P	rovide them love and nurturing
	4 🛚 T	each them values
	4 [] H	Telp them learn so they can do well in school
C18.	=	desired attributes of employment (wages/benefits, stability, professional collegiality, location, hours) and the degree to with those desired

- **C19.** [Question about perceptions of management (how supportive, respectful, collaborative, well-organized, flexible, positive feedback)]
- **C20.** [Question about aspects of job liked most vs. aspects that are most difficult or troubling]

IV. Knowledge and perception of quality improvement initiatives (QII)

- **C21.** [Question about awareness of QII in state/community; awareness of participation by employing facility/program]
- **C22.** [Question about the value of employing-facility participation, such as the value of coaching, mentoring, and consultation]
- **C23.** [Question about the desirability of QII]
- **C24.** [Question about the perceived opportunities for professional growth offered]
- **C25.** Some programs provide support for staff seeking training or professional development opportunities. Does your program provide any of the following for your teachers, assistant teachers, or aides?

		Yes	No
a.	Funding to participate in college courses or off-site training?	1 []	2 🛘
b.	Paid time off to participate in college courses or off- site training?	1 []	2
c.	College coursework or training opportunities at your child care center?	1 []	2 []
d.	Mentors, coaches or consultants who visit and work with staff in their classrooms?	1 []	2

- **C26.** [Question about perceived opportunities for increased compensation offered]
- **C27.** [Question about other potential benefits and potential threats or costs from QII]
- **C28.** These next questions are about supervision in your program.

		Yes	No
a.	In the past year have you or someone else observed each of the groups in your program?	1 []	2 []
b.	Was feedback provided to the staff observed based on these observation(s)?	1 []	2 []

c.	Do salary decisions take into account what is				
	observed or how staff respond to feedback		_		_
	provided?	1		2	

D. Relationship of staff characteristics, activities, and attitudes to organizational and community attributes:

[many of these items are already asked in the center-based provider quex and may be unnecessary to duplicate here.]

I. Provider organization

	PI	ovider organization
D1a.	Is you 1	for profit (SKIP TO D2) not for profit run by a government agency OTHER, SPECIFY:
D1b.	NEE over fund	our program independent or is it sponsored by another organization? IF CDED: A sponsoring organization may provide funding, administrative sight or have reporting requirements; however, organizations that are solely ing sources should not be considered sponsors.
	1 [Independent (SKIP TO D2)
	2	Sponsored (ASK D9c)
	3	DK/Ref (SKIP TO D2)
D1c.		t organization sponsors your program? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, READ EGORIES ONLY TO PROBE CORRECTLY.
	1	social service organization or agency
	2	church or religious group
	3 [public school/board of education
	4	private school, religious
	5 [private school, nonreligious
	6	college or university
	7 [private company or individual employer
	8	non-government community organization
	9	state government
	10	local government, not including school district
	11	Federal government or military
	12	other, specify

SKIP TO A10.						
D2.	Is your program part of a local chain, a national chain, or is it independently owned and operated?					
	Local chain National chain Independent					
a. C	hildren in Care					
D3.	What age groups of children participate in your program at this site?					
IN M (2) IF CLAS	R GIVES AGE GROUP NAME (E.G., TODDLER), ASK FOR APPROXIMATE AGES ONTHS. R PROVIDES BROAD RANGE (E.G., UNDER AGE 12), ASK IF PROGRAM SSIFIES CHILDREN IN FINER AGE GROUPINGS. R MENTIONS SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AGE 13 OR OLDER, SAY,					
	study focuses on children under age 13, so I am going to ask you to separate that age group any children age 13 or older whom you may also serve."					
Age g	group (e.g., 18-35 months, 36-59 months, etc.)					
	Age Group					
D4.	[Question about SES of children in program]					
D5.	How many of the children have a physical condition that affects the way your program serves them?					
	Number of children					

D6.		the girls have an emotional, developmental or behavioral condition that your program serves them? And of the boys?
	D6a.	Number of girls
	D6b.	Number of boys
D7.		your children do not speak English at home? IF NEEDED: What percent of lo not speak English at home?
	N	umber of children
	OR	
	%	of children
	teacher	have any parents who have difficulty communicating with their child's because of a language barrier? IF NEEDED: For example, are their parents ed the help of an interpreter or a child to speak with their child's teacher?
	1	Tes → (ASK D7b)
	2 [N	To → (SKIP TO D8)
	teacher	any of your families have difficulty communicating with their child's because of a language barrier? IF NEEDED: Please tell me the percentages ies who need the help of an interpreter or a child to speak with their child's
		Number of families
	D7c. What la	nguages do these families speak?
D8.	What language CODE ALL T	s are spoken by your program staff when working directly with children? HAT APPLY.
	$_{1}$ English	
	2 Spanish	·c
	3 Other, sp	ecify:

D9. You mentioned that your program serves the following age groups of children: [LIST AGE GROUPS FROM D3]

How many children do you serve in each of these age groups in your program at this site? INTERVIEWER: FILL IN AGE GROUPS FROM D3.

D9a. [ASK Q FOR EACH AGE GROUP] At this time, how many *more* children in this age group would your program be willing and able to serve? CODE 99 IF PROGRAM HAS NO LIMITS ON ADDITIONAL CHILDREN TO BE SERVED.

Age Group from D3	D9a_1: Currently Enrolled	D9a_2: Additional Children
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
TOTAL		

D9b.	That means that your program currently serves [TOTAL FROM C1	NOT
	INCLUDING CHILDREN 13 OR OLDER] children under age 13.	Is that correct?

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b. Community characteristics

D10a. What is the most common full-time enrollment rate charged in your program for each age group? Indicate whether the amount charged is hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly. This must be your usual non-subsidized rate charged to the private sector.

[INTERVIEWER: FILL IN AGE GROUPS FROM D3]

Age Groups from D3	Rate	Per Hour, Day, Week, or Month?			
1.	\$	Н	D	W	M
2.	\$	Н	D	W	M
3.	\$	Н	D	W	M

4.	\$ Н	D	W	M
Special Needs	\$ Н	D	W	M
Discount for additional children	\$ Н	D	W	M

D10b. How many different rate structures do you have? (i.e., part-time, full-time, etc.)

D11. Does a federal, state or local agency such as a human services or education agency or department, or a welfare, employment or training program pay part or all of the cost for any of the children you serve?

₁ Yes

 $_{2}$ No \rightarrow (SKIP TO D12)