

Appendix B-8:
Frequently Asked Questions for Providers/Teachers



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Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study

Answers to Teachers' and Child Care Providers' Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study?

The study, also called the Family-Provider Relationship Quality Study (FPRQ), is about how families and their children's early education teachers and child care providers work together to teach and care for children from birth to 5 years. A survey is being developed to look at this relationship from parents' and teachers'/child care providers' points of view. The results will help educators, child care providers, and policymakers improve children's care and education. To find out more about the study, visit the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) website at:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/other_resrch/fprq/overview.html#overview.

Who conducts the Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study?

The Office of Head Start (OHS) and the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) are sponsoring this study. Both OHS and OPRE are part of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Westat and Child Trends, two research firms in the Washington, DC area, are conducting the study. Westat is collecting the data.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked about your experiences teaching and caring for children from birth to 5 years. Some questions you will be asked are as follows: How often do you talk with parents about their children's abilities? How often are you able to help children settle in when they are dropped off? If families have a question or a problem comes up during the day, how easy or difficult is it for them to reach you?

We will also be asking parents to fill out a survey. We will ask you to help us by displaying study brochures and flyers around your classroom or care setting.

How long will the survey take to complete?

The survey will take about 10 minutes to fill out. To thank you for your time, we will send you a check for \$25 after we receive your completed survey. You will be given a prepaid and pre-addressed envelope in which to mail your survey to Westat.

Will my supervisors, the other teachers/child care providers, or the parents of children in my care see my answers?

No. Your responses will remain private.

Do I have to participate?

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. By taking part in this study, you will provide important information that is not available anywhere else. This information will help child care providers, teachers, and policymakers improve children's early care and education.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The office of Management and Budget has approved the data collection under OMB # xxxx-xxxx.

OPRE is authorized to conduct this study under Section 649 of the Head Start Act, as amended by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, codified at 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 9844.

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