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Study Brochure

Why is the Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study being done?

The demand for early education and child care for children from birth to age 5 has grown over the last 30 years. With increased enrollments in these kinds of programs, researchers are interested in learning about how the quality of the relationship between children's families and their teachers/child care providers affects children, their families, and those teaching and caring for children.



The purpose of this study is to test a new survey that will be used by teachers, child care providers, early learning programs staff, researchers, and policymakers to assess the quality of early education and child care environments.

For More Information

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To learn more about the study, visit the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation's website at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/other_resrch/fprq/overview.html#overview

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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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Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study



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About the Study

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

The goal of the study is to develop a survey about the relationship between families and providers of early education and care for children 5 years of age and younger. The survey will look at this relationship from families' and teachers'/child care providers' points of view. The results will help teachers, child care providers, and policymakers improve children's care and early learning experiences.

Who will be able to participate?

Teachers, child care providers, program directors, and families will be asked to participate in this study. The surveys will ask about how teachers/child care providers and families work together to teach and care for children.

Do I have to participate?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. By participating, you will help improve the early education and care that young children in the United States receive.

Will anyone else see my answers?

No, all of your answers will be kept private. Your answers will not be shared with anyone outside of the study or used for any purpose other than this research.

Topics covered

Teachers/Child Care Providers

- How often you talk with parents about their children.
- How often you talk with parents about your rules and expectations for children in your care.

Families

- How often you talk with your child's teacher or child care provider about topics such as your child's day.
- How easy or difficult it is for you to reach your child's teacher or child care provider during the day.

Program Directors

- Enrollment information (e.g., the number and ages of children enrolled).
- Your program's physical environment and information about services your program may offer parents.

Who is conducting the Study?

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

The **Office of Head Start** is a national program that promotes school readiness through educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

The **Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)** advises the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programs to improve the economic and social well-being of children and families. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/index.html>

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