

Appendix B-7:
Frequently Asked Questions for Directors



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Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study Answers to Center Directors' 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 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 teachers, 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's (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 study is sponsored by the Office of Head Start (OHS) and the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE). Both of these offices are in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of 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 to fill out a 10-minute survey about your early education or child care program. Some questions on the survey are as follows: How many children are enrolled in your program? How do you communicate with families of children in your program? Does your program provide opportunities for families to get together?

To thank you for your time, we will give you a check for \$50 after we receive your completed survey.

We are also recruiting teachers/child care providers to fill out a survey about their experiences teaching and caring for children. This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and, to thank them for their time, we will send each participating teacher/child care provider a check for \$25 after receiving their completed survey. We will ask you to identify teachers and/or child care providers who might be interested in completing this survey.

We will also be asking parents to fill out a survey about how they work with their child's teacher/child care provider. We will ask you to help us by displaying study brochures and flyers around your early education or child care program.

Will the teachers/child care providers or the parents of children in my care setting 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 teachers, child care providers, and policymakers improve children's early care and education.