

Appendix B-9:
Frequently Asked Questions for Parents



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Family and Early Care and Education Provider Relationship Study Answers to Parents' 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 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 (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 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 relationship with your child's teacher or child care provider. Some questions you will be asked are the following: How easy or difficult is it for you to reach your child's teacher or child care provider during the day? How often does your child's teacher or child care provider help you say goodbye to your child when you drop him or her off? How often does your child's teacher or child care provider offer you books or materials on parenting?

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 back to Westat.

Will my child's teacher/child care provider see my answers?

No. Your responses will remain private.

Do I have to participate?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. By taking part in this study, you will help us learn more about how families like yours work with their young children's teachers and child care providers. This information will help teachers, child care providers, and policymakers improve children's care and early education.