FSW Questionnaire - DRAFT

In the following pages, we will ask questions about you and your work with Head Start. We will also ask about the parents and families you support. Some of these questions will be about how you and the parents and families you work with communicate and work together.

1. We would like to learn about how you and the families in your program work together.

Since September, how many of the families you serve have you *personally* helped in any of the following ways:

		None	Some	Most	All
a.	Encouraged families to seek or receive services?				
b.	Followed up with families about whether services they have received met their needs?				
c.	Made appointments or arrangements for families to receive services they need?				
d.	Helped families find services they need?				
e.	Advocated on behalf of families to ensure that outside service providers are responsive?				

2. Since September, how often have you been able to do the following? [MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very often
a.	Followed up with parents about goals they set for their child				
b.	Followed up with parents about goals they set for themselves				
c.	Offered parents ideas or suggestions about parenting				
d.	Suggested activities for parents and children to do together				
e.	Answered parents' questions when they came up				
f.	Worked with parents to develop strategies they can use at home to support their child's learning and development				
g.	Taken parents' values and culture into account when serving them				
h.	Offered parents books and materials on parenting				

3. Listed below are some things parents may or may not share with you. Thinking about those you serve, how many parents have *personally* shared with you the following? [MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]

		None	Some	Most	All
a.	How many children they have				
b.	How many adult relatives live in their households				
c.	Their work and school schedules				
d.	Their marital status				
e.	Their parenting styles				
f.	Their employment status				
g.	Their family's financial situation				
h.	The role that faith and religion play in their household				
i.	Their family's cultures and values				
j.	What they do outside of the Head Start setting to encourage their children's learning				
k.	How they discipline their children				
l.	Problems their child is having at home				
m.	Changes happening at home				
n.]	Health issues the children have such as food allergies or asthma				
0.	Health issues they or other family members may have				

4. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. [MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	My goal is to help parents reach their full potential				
b.	I help parents to reach their job and educational goals				
c.	I work with parents to figure out the steps to reach their goals				
d.	I encourage parents to make decisions about their children's education and care				
e.	Parents' beliefs about childcare and education vary by culture				
f.	I encourage parents to provide feedback on the services and support I provide them				
g.	I am open to using information on different ways to help parents and children				
h.	When it comes to their children, parents are the experts				
i.	Even though my professional or moral viewpoints may differ, I accept that parents are the ultimate decision makers				
	for the care and education of their children				

5. Below are some attitudes that you may or may not have towards parents and families you serve. For each statement, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

[MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a. Sometimes it is hard for me to supp way parents raise their children	oort the			
b. Sometimes it is hard for me to supp way parents discipline their childre				
c. Sometimes it is hard for me to accedifferent cultural beliefs of parents	ept the			
d. Sometimes it is hard for me to supp goals parents have for their children				
e. Sometimes it is hard for me to work parents who have different beliefs t				
f. Sometimes it is hard for me to accept choices that parents make	t the			

6. When planning services for families in your program, how often are you able to take into account the following?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very often
a.	Information parents share about their child				
b.	Information parents share about their home life				
c.	Families' values and cultures				
d.	Information parents share about their career aspirations or education goals				
e.	Information parents share about their "life goals"				

7. Since September, how often have you met with or talked to parents about the following?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very often
a.	How their child is doing in the Head Start program				
b.	Their child's abilities				
c.	Their child's learning or development				
d.	Goals parents have for their child				
e.	Goals parents have for themselves				
f.	How parents are progressing towards goals they have for themselves				
g.	What to expect at each stage of their child's development				
h.	Problems their child is having in the Head Start program				
i.	Problems parents may be having with work or school				
j.	Parents' vision for their child's future				
k.	Parents' vision for their family's future				

8. People vary in what they consider part of their job. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Part of my job is to...

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	Help families get services available in the community				
b.	Offer parents information about community events				
c.	Respond to issues or questions outside of my normal work hours				
d.	Learn the values and beliefs of the families I serve				
e.	Change my work schedule in response to parents' work or school schedules				
f.	Learn new ways to assist families				
g.	Change how services are offered to children and families in response to parent feedback				
h.	Talk to parents about how they raise their children				
i.	Help parents reach their goals				
j.	Help parents learn skills needed to succeed				
k.	Consider how culture shapes the way I should approach my work with families				
l.	Make home visits to provide support and to work on goal setting with the families				
m.	Help families meet their basic needs				

9.	If families have a question or a problem co for them to reach you?	mes up duri	ng the day,	how easy or dif	ficult is it
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]				
	Very difficult				
	Difficult				
	Easy				
	Very easy				
10.	Since September, how many of the families y on the following:	ou serve ha	ve you give	n information o	r referrals
	[MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]				
		None	Some	Most	All
a.	Employment or job training?				
b.	Food banks or pantries?				
c.	Child care subsidies or vouchers?				
d.	Adult education, GED classes, ESL classes, or continuing education?				
e.	Housing assistance?				
f.	Energy or fuel assistance?				
g.	Immigration or legal services?				
h.	Domestic violence?				
i.	Parenting skills group?				
j.	Health insurance ?				
11.	Since September, have you provided re services: [MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]	ferrals for	the followi	ng	
		Yes, referrals		*	No referrals were needed
a.	Health screening for children (medical, dental, vision, hearing, or speech)?	were made	Dut nave III	Coch made yet	were needed
b.	Developmental assessments for children?				
c.	Counseling services for children?				
d.	Counseling services for parents?				
e. f.	Social services such as housing assistance, food stamps, financial aid, or medical care? Nutritional screening for children?				

12.	People work as Family Service Workers for many reasons. Please indicate how much you
	agree or disagree with the following statements:

[MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW.]

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	I work as a Family Service Worker because I enjoy it				
b.	I see this job as <i>just</i> a paycheck				
c.	I work as a Family Service Worker because I like helping families reach their goals				
d.	If I could find something else to do to make a living I would				
е.	I work as a Family Service Worker because I like helping children and families get the services they need				

13. In the last ten years, have you received training or coursework on how to recognize signs of:

		Yes	No
a.	Child abuse and neglect		
b.	Domestic violence		
c.	Substance abuse		
d.	Depression or mental health issues in parents		
e.	Hunger		
f.	Developmental delays in children		
g.	Developmental delays in adults		

14.	How many families do you currently serve?
	families
15.	How many centers do you currently serve?
	centers
16.	How many years have you been doing this type of work?
	years
17. H	fow long have you worked at your current center(s)?
	years
18. D	o you have children living in your household who attend Head Start now?
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]
	Yes
	No
19. D	oid you ever have a child in your household who attended Head Start?
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]
	Yes
	No

The next set of questions asks about your background.

20.	Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]
	Yes
	No
21.	What is your race?
	[MARK ALL THAT APPLY.]
	White
	Black or African American
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian Indian
	Chinese
	Filipino
	Japanese
	Korean
	Vietnamese
	Other Asian
	Native Hawaiian
	Guamanian or Chamorro
	Samoan
	Other Pacific Islander
22.	Do you have a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential?
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]
	Yes
	No

23.	Do you have some type of Family Development Credential that supports competency in working with families?	
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]	
	Yes	
	No No	
Name of Credential:		
24.	What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
	[MARK ONLY ONE BOX.]	
	Less than a high school diploma	
	High school diploma or GED	
	Some college, no degree	
	Associate's degree	
	Bachelor's degree	
	Graduate school degree	