

APPENDIX H
ADVANCE MATERIALS

APPENDIX H-1

CHILD ASSESSMENT REMINDER NOTICE



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TEACHER LETTER CHILD LEVEL



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Dear [TEACHER]:

Welcome to the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2014–2018 (FACES). [ENTER PROGRAM NAME] has been selected to take part in this important study. Mathematica Policy Research, an independent research company, is conducting FACES. The Administration for Children and Families, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, funds the study. The survey will focus on children’s growth, family involvement, and program quality. The study aims to identify strategies for improving Head Start.

This fall, we will ask about 2,400 3- and 4-year-old children and their families as well as 240 teachers from 60 Head Start programs to take part in FACES. Over the life of the study, the sample will include children, parents, and staff from 180 programs nationwide. We are excited about the study and hope you will be too. As one of only a few hundred teachers taking part, your help is vital to the study’s success.

Your program director has selected [OSC NAME] to work with us. [OSC NAME] will ensure that we can gain consent from parents and schedule the data collection. We appreciate any help with obtaining consents from parents that you can offer [OSC NAME] or our team.

In fall 2014 and spring 2015, our staff will spend about one week in your center. Staff will give a 45-minute assessment to children whose parents have agreed to take part. We will also ask these children’s parents to take a short survey. To enhance this information, we need you to complete a short form, the Teacher Child Report (TCR), for each FACES child in your class. The form asks about the social skills, problem behaviors, and approaches to learning that you have seen these children use.

Each report should only take about 10 minutes to complete. We think you will enjoy completing these forms on the web. If you do not have Internet access or prefer to complete these forms on paper, you may complete paper copies. Please return them in the envelope provided. As a thank you, we will send you a \$10 gift card for each TCR you complete.

In spring 2015, we will also ask you, your program director, and your center director to complete a short survey. Your survey will ask about children’s classroom activities, the materials used in the classroom, the use of different languages in the classroom, and the ways that you involve and interact with children’s parents. It will also ask about your feelings, education and training, and any professional development you may have taken part in over the past year. FACES staff will also observe your classroom for about four hours. We will work with [OSC NAME] to schedule the observation. You should not make special preparations for this visit. Your classroom will receive a token of appreciation for taking part.

LETTER TO: FACES Teacher
FROM: Annalee Kelly
DATE:
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You do not have to take part in this study. If at any point you decide not to continue in the study, that is okay.

We have enclosed a list of frequently asked questions. It includes more details on the study and some helpful tips for completing the TCRs online. When you visit the website, you should use the log-in ID and password below. These are secure and will not be shared with anyone. All information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. Only selected members of the study team will see your responses. Using the log-in ID and password ensures that they will be protected.

Mathematica staff will be happy to answer any questions about FACES and to assist you in any way you need. You can contact a FACES liaison toll-free at 1-888-XXX-XXXX or email us at XXXXX@mathematica-mpr.com. To learn more about FACES, visit the FACES website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/faces>. Thank you in advance for your help with this important research.

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