# APPENDIX 19 ASSISTANT TEACHER SURVEY

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### MSHS Assistant Teacher Survey Spring 2017

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#### SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The Administration for Children and Families is conducting the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) Study under contract with Abt Associates Inc., in partnership with Westat and The Catholic University of America.

Please complete this brief survey, which asks about your classroom and your background as well as your thoughts about teaching. It will take about 20 minutes of your time to complete. As a thank you, we will give you \$15 for your time.

When completing the survey, please keep in mind:

- There are no right or wrong answers.
- Your responses will <u>not</u> be used for monitoring purposes.
- To answer a question, check the box next to your response with an "X", or write in your response on the line.
- Some questions may not apply to you, so you may be instructed to skip some questions
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering.

Your participation will make an important contribution to this nationally representative study of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs, although there is no direct benefit to you from participating in the study. There is minimal risk for participation in the study. There is a minimal risk of breach of privacy and we have many procedures in place to minimize this risk. For example, survey responses will be kept in secure and protected data files; encryption technology will be used whenever files are transferred electronically; data security scans will be conducted regularly; and only a very limited number of project staff will have access to these data.

Please be assured that all information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. To help us protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. We can use this Certificate to legally refuse to disclose information that may identify you in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings, for example, if there is a court subpoena. We will use the Certificate to resist any demands for information that would identify you.

We will not personally identify either you in any report or materials developed from this study. We will use the information that we collect in this study only for research purposes. We will make sure that study researchers respect the privacy of the data and adhere to safeguards for security and privacy.

If you decide to be in this study, the study researchers will have information that links you to your survey responses, but this information will be kept secure and available only to selected members of the research team. The study researchers may also link MSHS survey responses to administrative data from the Head Start Enterprise System and Program Information Report datasets.

At the end of this study, we will give the information we collect to The Administration for Children and Families. We will also give this information to authorized researchers who will store the data, and who may use the data to answer other research questions. Any personal information that could identify you will be removed or changed before files are shared with The Administration for Children and Families and other researchers. However, The Administration for Children and Families and other researchers will receive MSHS center-level zip codes. These zip codes may be used to link MSHS survey responses and information about the MSHS center to information about the community, such as other resources in the community. This means that there is a possibility that centers could be identified in these datasets. To minimize this risk, other researchers will be required to sign a data use agreement before accessing the data. This means they must respect the privacy of the data, agree to use the data for research purposes only, and follow the rules for keeping your information secure and private.

If you have questions about the MSHS Study, please call us toll-free at 1-888-xxx-xxxx. A study staff member will be happy to talk with you. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a study participant, please call the Abt Institutional Review Board toll-free at 1-877-520-6835.

When finished, please return survey to study team by giving the survey to your on-site liaison, or mailing the survey to the following address: Address here



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## A. STAFF BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEFS

	In total, how many years (incl sistant teacher)? <i>Please round</i>	his year) have you been teaching (as either lead or nearest year.
	years	
	In total, how many years (incle either lead or assistant teache	his year) have you taught children <u>birth to two years</u> ase round to the nearest year.
	years	
	In total, how many years (incle either lead or assistant teache	his year) have you taught children <u>three to five years</u> ase round to the nearest year.
	years	
<u>Sea</u>		his year) have you been teaching in a <u>Migrant and</u> s either lead or assistant teacher)? <i>Please round to</i>
	years	
	What experience do you have Family members are/were migrant and seasonal farmworkers You are/were a migrant or seasonal farmworker Teacher Assistant Teacher Assistant Center Director Assistant Program Director Center Director Area Coordinator	Rigrant and seasonal families? Check all that apply. Kitchen Staff Custodial Staff Bus Driver Bus Monitor Transportation Supervisor Family Service Worker Counselor/ Mental Health Profession Social Worker Health Care Worker Community Organizer Secretary
	Regional Director Program Director Educational Specialist Education Manager Component Coordinator Outreach Staff/Recruiter	Financial Officer Information Technology Director Other (specify):  None of the above

				ons at a center. Which of the following positions do
				to being an assistant teacher? Check all that apply.
	Ш	Family members are/were		Kitchen Staff
		migrant and seasonal		Custodial Staff
	_	farmworkers		Bus Driver
	Ш	You are/were a migrant or		Bus Monitor
	_	seasonal farmworker		Transportation Supervisor
		Teacher		Family Service Worker
		Assistant Teacher		Counselor/ Mental Health Profession
		Assistant Center Director		Social Worker
		Assistant Program Director		Health Care Worker
		Center Director		Community Organizer
		Area Coordinator		Secretary
		Regional Director		Financial Officer
		Program Director		Information Technology Director
		Educational Specialist		Other (specify):
		Education Manager		
		Component Coordinator		None of the above
		Outreach Staff/Recruiter		
7.		w often was your teaching assigr Not changed Changed once Changed more than once	ımer	nt changed in the last week?
8.		wat do you do when the center is of Work at another Migrant and Seas Work at a Head Start center Work at another early childhood pre Work at another job part-time Work at another job full-time Look for another job Receive unemployment benefits Go to school Receive public assistance (such as Self-employed None of the above Other (specify):	onal	ım

9.	wnat is the <u>nig</u>	<u>lnest</u> grade or year of school that you <u>completed?</u> Check <u>one only</u> .
	No school	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	Preschool	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	Kindergarten	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	1st grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
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	2nd grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	3rd grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	4th grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	5th grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	6th grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
		→ GO TO QUESTION 12
		→ GO TO QUESTION 12
		→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	10th grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
	11th grade	→ GO TO QUESTION 12
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		out a diploma → GO TO QUESTION 12
		oma/equivalent → GO TO QUESTION 12
		nical program after high school without a diploma → GO TO QUESTION 12
		nical diploma after high school → GO TO QUESTION 12
	Some college w	rithout a degree → GO TO QUESTION 10
	Associate's deg	ree → GO TO QUESTION 9
	Bachelor's degr	ee → GO TO QUESTION 9
		or professional school without a degree → GO TO QUESTION 9
		e (MA, MS) → GO TO QUESTION 9
		e (Ph.D., Ed.D.) → GO TO QUESTION 9
		gree after Bachelor's degree (Medicine/MD, Dentistry/DDS, Law/JD/LLB) $\rightarrow$ GO
ш		
	TO QUESTION	
	Don't Know/Rei	used → GO TO QUESTION 12
		d you obtain your <u>highest</u> degree? Check <u>one only.</u>
		ent, human development, or developmental psychology
	Early childhood	education
	Elementary edu	cation
	Special education	on
	Curriculum deve	
	Administration	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	Bilingual educat	ion or literacy
	•	unseling, or social work
		ansening, or social work
	Public health	'' \
Ш	Other field (spec	City):
		pleted any college/university courses on bilingual/Dual Language Learner
	.L) children? Ch	
	Yes, a whole co	urse was dedicated to bilingual/DLL children
	Yes, a large par	t of a course was dedicated to bilingual/DLL children
		classes of a course was dedicated to bilingual/DLL children
_	No	
_	140	

## 12. Do you have, or are you in the process of, acquiring any of the following certifications? Check all that apply.

		Already have	In the Process of Obtaining	Do not have/ Not in the process of obtaining
a.	A Child Development Associate (CDA) credential			
b.	Another certification in early childhood development (Specify: )			
C.	A license or certificate in social work or nursing			
a.	A bilingual certification			
d.	Other (Specify:)			

- 13. Please only answer this question if you have ever taught preschoolers. If you have never taught preschoolers, please check the box "N/A".
  - □ N/A I HAVE NEVER TAUGHT PRESCHOOLERS.  $\rightarrow$  GO TO QUESTION 13.

The following are statements that some teachers have made about how young children should be taught. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	MSHS classroom activities should be responsive to the needs and abilities of individual children.	_	0	0	_	
b.	Each curriculum area should be taught as a separate subject at separate times.					
C.	Children should be allowed to select many of their own activities from a variety of learning areas that the teacher has prepared (writing, science center, etc.).	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Children should sit silently and do work on their own.					
e.	Children in MSHS classrooms should learn through active explorations.	0		0		
f.	MSHS teachers should use treats, stickers, or stars to encourage appropriate behavior.					
g.	MSHS teachers should use punishments or reprimands to encourage appropriate behavior.	0		0	_	0
h.	Children should be instructed in recognizing the single letters of the alphabet, isolated from words.					
i.	Children should learn to color within predefined lines.					
j.	Children in MSHS classrooms should learn to form letters correctly on a printed page.					

- 14. Please only answer this question if you have ever taught infants or toddlers. If you have never taught infants or toddlers, please check the box "N/A".
  - □ N/A I HAVE NEVER TAUGHT INFANTS OR TODDLERS.  $\rightarrow$  GO TO QUESTION 14.

The following are statements that some teachers have made about how young children should be taught. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

				Neither		
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	It is likely that caregivers will spoil a baby if they respond every time the baby cries.					
b.	One of the best ways to prepare a young child to be a good student is to teach him/her to be obedient.					
C.	I believe that it is important to spend a lot of time talking to infants and toddlers even before they can understand whatever it is I am saying.	0		0	0	0
d.	Toddlers can be expected to sit still during group activities like singing and story time.					
e.	I believe that the way I treat my teaching partners in the classroom will influence how the toddlers behave towards others.	_	0	0	0	0
f.	In order to be fair, child care teachers must treat all children alike.					
g.	I believe that teachers have to carefully supervise children's development to make sure that it is progressing normally.	0	0	0		0
h.	Parents have valuable information to share about how teachers can work effectively with their children.					
i.	Even though infants or toddlers enjoy their time in child care, parents are still the most important people in their children's lives.	0	0	0	0	0
j.	It is good for infants and toddlers to experience many different child care providers so they can learn to modify their behavior to meet the demands of others.					

	What is your sex? Male Female Other
16.	In what year were you born?
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	What is your race/ ethnicity? (Select one or more.) American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _ White
	OU SELECTED "HISPANIC OR LATINO" → GO TO QUESTION 17. OU DID NOT SELECT "HISPANIC OR LATINO" → GO TO SECTION B.
	Which Hispanic or Latino origin best describes you? (Select one or more.) Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano/a Puerto Rican Cuban Another Hispanic, and/or Latino origin (specify):

#### **B. STAFF LINGUISTIC ABILITIES**

1. Please indicate how well you understand, speak, read, and write in the following languages. Please also indicate how you acquired that language.

	How well do you	the langua	ge?		Did you speak this language at
					home with your family when you
	Understand	Speak	Read	Write	were a child?
English	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	
Spanish	□ Not at all	$\square$ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	
<b>Haitian Creole</b>	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	
Mixtec	□ Not at all	$\square$ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	☐ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	
Kanjobal	□ Not at all	☐ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	☐ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	☐ Very Well	
Zapotec	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
	☐ Well	☐ Well	☐ Well	☐ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	☐ Very Well	
Other	□ Not at all	☐ Not at all	□ Not at all	☐ Not at all	☐ Yes
	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ Not well	□ No
Specify:	☐ Well	☐ Well	□ Well	□ Well	
	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	□ Very Well	☐ Very Well	

2. Please only answer this question if you currently teach <u>toddlers or preschoolers</u>. If you do not teach toddlers or preschoolers, please check the box "N/A".

 $\square$  N/A – I CURRENTLY DO NOT TEACH TODDLERS OR PRESCHOOLERS.  $\rightarrow$  GO TO QUESTION 3.

What languages do you use in your classroom for each of the following...

	Teaching children	Reading to children	Presenting information to children	Providing directions to children	Playing with children	Soothing children
a. English completely						
a. Primary English, some Spanish						
b. English and Spanish equally						
d. Primarily Spanish, some English						
e. Spanish completely						
f. Primarily English, some of another language (specify:						
g. English and another language equally (specify:)						
h. Primarily another language, some English (specify:)						
i. English and multiple other languages (specify:)						
j. Other combination of language (specify:)						

3. Please only answer this question if you currently teach infants. If you do not teach infants, please check the box "N/A".

 $\square$  N/A – I CURRENTLY DO NOT TEACH INFANTS.  $\rightarrow$  GO TO QUESTION 4.

What languages do you use in your classroom for each of the following...

	Talking to children	Reading to children	Singing to children	Playing with children	Soothing children
a. English completely					
b. Primarily English, some Spanish					
c. English and Spanish equally					
d. Primarily Spanish, some English					
e. Spanish completely					
f. Primarily English, some of another language (specify:)					
g. English and another language equally (specify: )					
h. Primarily another language, some English (specify:					
i. English and multiple other languages (specify:)					
j. Other combination of languages (specify:)					

4.	Ho	w do you help facilitate language use in the classroom?
		I lead classroom activities that use children's home language.
		I motivate students to use their home language in the classroom.
		I motivate students to use English in the classroom.
		I help the lead teacher communicate with children and families when the lead teacher does not
		speak their home language.
		I help parents feel comfortable in the classroom by speaking their home language.
		I help translate written materials into families' home language(s).
		Other, specify:
		None of the above

#### c. STAFF WELL-BEING

1.	How much do y	you agi	ree or disag	ree with	each of the	following	statements	about tead	ching?
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		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I really enjoy my present teaching job.					
b.	I am certain I am making a difference in the lives of the children I teach.					
C.	If I could start over, I would choose teaching again as my career.		0			
d.	In five years I think I will still be teaching young children.					
e.	I feel that I am treated with respect in my present teaching job.			0	0	

2. The next questions are about the level of support for interactions between MSHS staff and parents at your MSHS center. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Th	e staff at this center	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	Promote cooperation between MSHS staff and parents.		0		0	0
b.	Support each other.					
C.	Help teachers to work effectively with families from different cultural groups.	0	0			0

## 3. Below is a list of ways you may have felt or behaved. Please choose how often you have felt this way $\underline{\text{during the past week}}$ .

Du	ring the past week, you	Rarely or Never	Some or a Little	Occasionally or Moderately	Most or All of the Time
a.	Were bothered by things that usually don't bother you?				
b.	Did not feel like eating, your appetite was poor?				
C.	Could not shake off the blues, even with help from your family and friends?	0	0	0	0
d.	Had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing?				
e.	Felt depressed?				
f.	Felt like everything you did was an effort?				
g.	Felt fearful.				
h.	Had restless sleep.				
i.	Talked less than usual.				
j.	Felt lonely.				
k.	Felt sad.				
I.	Could not get "going."				

#### D. INSTRUCTIONAL AND ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

1.	W	hat can help you in your teaching? <u>Please check all that apply.</u>
		Additional training incurriculum
		Additional training inassessment
		Additional training inbehavioral class management
		Additional training ininfant development
		Additional training in toddler development
		Additional training in preschooler development
		Additional training inDual Language Learners and bilingual development
		Additional training inspecial needs/disabilities
		Additional training inthe culture of MSHS families
		Additional training inthe agricultural work of MSHS families
		Learning more English
		Learning more Spanish
		Learning other languages (Specify:)
		Additional coaching/mentoring
		Additional planning time
		More time/support to pursue degree

### E. STAFFING AND COMPENSATION

1.	1. How many <u>hours</u> per week are you <u>paid</u> to work for MSHS?					
		hours per week				
	2.	How many months per year are you paid to work for MSHS?				
		months per year				
		Does this work schedule present any problems for you? Check one only.  Very much so  Somewhat  Not a problem → GO TO QUESTION 6.				
		Why does the work schedule present problems for you? Check all that apply.  Hours are too long Start time too early End time too late Schedule not consistent over the year Other (specify):				
	5.	What is your total yearly salary (before taxes) as an assistant teacher?				
	\$	per year				
		Which of the following benefits are available to you through MSHS? Check all that apply. Paid vacation time Paid sick leave Paid maternity or paternity leave Unpaid maternity or paternity leave Paid family leave Fully or partially paid health insurance Fully or partially paid dental insurance Tuition reimbursement or educational stipends to cover workshops Retirement plan Life insurance Vision care Personal or bonus days Mileage Anything else? (specify):				