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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request – Survey on Where Parents Look for and Find Information and How They Use Information When Selecting Child Care (OMB #0970-0627)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved information collection, *Survey on Where Parents Look for and Find Information and How They Use Information When Selecting Child Care* (OMB #0970-0627).

Background

On February 29, 2024, we received approval to conduct a survey, *Survey on Where Parents Look for and Find Information and How They Use Information When Selecting Child Care* (OMB #0970-0627). The purpose of this survey is to better understand parent perspectives and experiences with using different information sources on child care and early education (CCEE), how they make decisions about their children’s CCEE enrollment, and information about their care arrangements and family circumstances.

We conducted 4 cognitive interviews in January 2024 (testing approved under the umbrella generic for ACF feedback activities (OMB #: 0970-0401)), to determine if any questions and response options for the survey that were translated into Spanish caused confusion or were unclear. We identified changes that need to be made to both the Spanish and English questionnaires so that the translation reflects the intentions of the researchers and creates equivalency with the English language version of the instrument so the English and Spanish language data can be analyzed together and compared. Only small changes were needed to the items as outlined in the table below.

Overview of Requested Changes

We have summarized in the table below the list of requested changes to the Spanish and English instruments, listed by order of appearance in the survey.

Survey Item No. or Section	Description of change to the Spanish Instrument	Description of change to the English Instrument
AE.	Change “Los archivos de datos” to “Los datos”	No Update

	English: the data	
A.	<p>Add the phrase “sin importar donde viven (por ejemplo, una casa independiente o un apartamento compartido con familia extendida)” to the end of the phrase “Basados en un hogar, que ocurren en el hogar de alguien, como el hogar del niño o el hogar del proveedor.”</p> <p>English: (Home-based, which occurs in someone’s home, such as the child’s home or the provider’s home regardless of where they live (such as a self-standing house, apartment that they share with extended members of the family)</p>	<p>Change “Home-based, which occurs in someone’s home, such as the child’s home or the provider’s home.”</p> <p>to “Home-based, which occurs in someone’s home, such as the child’s home or the provider’s home, regardless of where they live (such as a self-standing house, apartment that they share with extended members of the family).</p>
A.	<p>Add the phrase “para niño(s) que aún no están en kindergarten” to the end of the sentence “En las preguntas a lo largo de este cuestionario, utilizaremos el término ‘cuidado’ para referirnos a todos estos diferentes tipos de cuidado y educación temprana.”</p> <p>English: In the questions throughout this questionnaire, we will be using the term ‘child care’ to mean all these different types of child care and early education for children who are not yet in kindergarten.</p>	<p>Change “In the questions throughout this questionnaire, we will be using the term ‘<i>child care</i>’ to mean all these different types of child care and early education.”</p> <p>to “In the questions throughout this questionnaire, we will be using the term ‘<i>child care</i>’ to mean all these different types of child care and early education for children who are not yet in kindergarten.”</p>
C2.	<p>Change “En los últimos 12 meses, ¿ha tratado de obtener información acerca del cuidado de estas fuentes?” to “En los últimos 12 meses, ¿ha tratado de obtener información acerca del cuidado de los niños de estas fuentes, sin éxito?”</p> <p>English: In the past 12 months, have you tried to get information about child care from these sources, without success?</p>	<p>Change “In the past 12 months, have you tried to get information about child care from these sources?”</p> <p>to “In the past 12 months, have you tried to get information about child care from these sources, without success?”</p>
C1-2b C4-7b	<p>Change “Sitios web o aplicaciones comerciales para padres, como parenting.com y care.com” to “Sitios web o aplicaciones móviles de compañías comerciales para padres, como parenting.com y care.com.”</p> <p>English: Commercial websites or apps for parents such as parenting.com and care.-</p>	No Updates

	com.	
C1-2e C4-7e	Change “asistentes sociales” to “trabajadores sociales” English: social workers	No Updates
C8.	Change “¿Alguno de los siguientes le ha dificultado obtener la información que deseaba sobre el cuidado?” to “¿Ha tenido dificultades en encontrar la información que usted deseaba sobre el cuidado debido a alguna de las siguientes razones?” English: Have any of the following made it hard for you to get the information you wanted about child care?	No Updates
C8.	Change “No era difícil obtener la información que quería sobre el cuidado de los niños” to “No fue difícil obtener la información que quería sobre el cuidado de los niños” English: “It was not difficult to obtain the information that I wanted about care”	
D10.	Change “satisficieron” to “satisficieron” English: they satisfied	No Updates
B2.	Change “En una semana típica, cuida a este(estos) niño(s) por al menos cinco horas sin ser remunerado por un pariente, amigo, o vecino?” to “En una semana típica, ¿algún pariente, amigo, o vecino cuida a este(estos) niño(s) por al menos cinco horas sin pago?” English: In a typical week, do you use at least five hours of unpaid care by a relative, friend or neighbor for this/these child(ren)?	No Updates
B3.	Change “remunerado o no remunerado” to “así sea de paga o no” English: paid or unpaid	No Updates
B4.	Move the phrase “al menos cinco horas” to the end of the question stem English: at least five hours	No Updates

Time Sensitivities

To stay on schedule, the research team plans to begin collecting data in March 2024. The contractor has found that collecting data on child care and education is more effective during the school year, thus fielding the survey in March and April is optimal. This will also allow time for the contractor to have adequate time for data analysis and reporting of results within the timeline of the contract funding.