Home Practices Survey

Home Practices Survey (to be completed by parents at Parent-Teacher conference time in the fall and entered into data base by teacher.

- Name of child:_____
- KIDS ID #:_____
- School building # (if have):_____
- District number (?):_____
- Teacher name: _____

Please read the following items and select the column that best describes the frequency with which this activity occurs. *For example, how often does your child read or pretend to read to others?*

Item	Never	Rarely	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Someone reads to my child in our home					
My child and I talk about things that happened during the day.					
My child reads or pretends to read along with and/or to others.					
Someone takes my child to a museum, library, learning/activity center or the zoo					

Please check the word that describes how often a statement is true for you or your family.

Item	Never	Very Rarely	Rarely	About half the time	Frequently	Very Frequently	Always
In my family, we talk about problems							
When we argue, my family listens to 'both sides of the story'.							
In my family, we take time to listen to each other.							
My family pulls together when things are stressful.							
My family is able to solve our problems.							

I praise my child when he/she behaves well.							
I spend time with my child doing what he/she likes to do.							
I am happy being with my child.							
My child and I are very close to each other.							
I am able to soothe my child when he/she is upset.							

Please check the answer that best describes your response to the statement.

Item	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Slightly disagree	Neutral	Slightly agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree
There are many times when I don't know what to do as a parent.							
I know how to help my child learn.							
My child misbehaves just to upset me.							

Early Care and Education program participation

Did you or another family member participate in Parents As Teachers? Yes No

If yes, how many years did you or another family member participate in Parents as Teachers? Please circle the correct number of years. 1 2 3

Did your family participate in Early Head Start? Yes No

If yes, how many years did you participate in Early Head Start? Please circle: 1 2 3 4

How difficult has it been for you to find quality child care for your child?

	I have not needed to find child care
	Very difficult
	Somewhat difficult
	Not difficult

During the last 12 months, what type of child care did your preschool child attend? (Mark all that apply.)

	-not in child care (child at home or with parent most of the time)
	-relative care (grandparent, other family member)
	-paid caregiver in your home (nanny or daily babysitter)
	-Family child care (person providing child care in their home)
	-preschool (Head Start, School district preschool or private/community preschool)
	-center-based child care (church or commercial child care facility)

How many years did your child attend a preschool and/or child care at least 10 hours per week or more?

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If you ever have had child care outside the home for your child, how affordable would you rate it?

	-I did not have child care outside the home.
	-Very affordable, well within our budget.
	-Affordable, but we do without other things to pay for it.
	-Barely affordable, we struggle to pay for it.
	-We can only afford child care through outside resources such as SRS or grants.

Transition into Kindergarten

Please mark if you plan to do any of the following to get ready for your child's kindergarten year. (Mark all that apply.)

	-Contact school to see who will be my child's teacher
	-Meet with the kindergarten teacher in person
	-Take my child to visit the school before the first day of classes, by arranging this with the school
	-Talk with my child about what to expect in kindergarten

Please mark if any of these activities are offered through the school to help prepare children for kindergarten.

	-The people at school arrange for my child to visit the classroom before kindergarten starts.
	-The kindergarten teacher or someone at school will visit my home to meet me and my child before school begins.
	-The teacher or someone at school will talk to my child about what kindergarten will be like.
	-At kindergarten roundup a meeting will be held for parents to ask questions and register children.
	-I do not know what the school does for entering kindergartners.