

National Study of Child Care for Low-Income Families

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD INTERVIEW

Respondent Name _____

Respondent ID _____

Interviewer Name _____

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Date of Interview ____/____/____

I'd like to ask you some questions about what you do and where you go before and after school. I would like you to think about the questions and do your best to answer them. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers; I'm just interested in what you think. All of your answers will be kept private. Your parents, teachers and other students will never see your answers.

1. Your mother/father/grandmother/etc told me that you go to (NAME OF PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER) before/after school, is that right?

Yes1
No (CLARIFY WHERE CHILD IS AND CONTINUE)2

First, I'd like to find out about the people who take care of you or are around when you are at (NAME OF PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER).

2. How many grown-ups are there at (NAME OF PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER) who take care of you?

3. What is(are) the names of your teacher(s)/caregiver(s) who usually take(s) care of you after school? (ENTER ANSWER VERBATIM.)

4. Is there ever anyone else instead of (NAME) who takes care of you?

YES (GO TO #5)1
NO (GO TO #6)2

5. Does this person take care of you a lot or just once in awhile?

A LOT1
ONCE IN AWHILE2

6. Do any other grown-ups ever come to visit at (CAREGIVER OR PROGRAM NAME)'s?

YES (GO TO #7)1
NO (GO TO #9)2

7. Who comes to visit? (TRY TO GET RELATIONSHIPS OF VISITORS. RECORD RELATIONSHIP, NOT JUST NAMES)

- ADULT FEMALE FRIEND OF CAREGIVER 1
- ADULT MALE FRIEND OF CAREGIVER 2
- FEMALE RELATIVE OF CAREGIVER 3
- MALE RELATIVE OF CAREGIVER 4

8. How often do they come to visit—often, say several times a week, or just once in a while?

- OFTEN 1
- ONCE IN A WHILE 2

Now, let's talk about the other children who are with you at (NAME OF PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER)?

9. How many children are there at the same time you are there (or in your group)?

10. How old is the youngest child?

11. How old is the oldest child?

12. Are there any children your age?

- YES 1
- NO 2

13. Do any of your brothers or sisters go to this same day care/day care room with you?

- YES (GO TO #14) 1
- NO (GO TO #15) 2
- NO SIBLINGS (GO TO #15) 3

14. How many?

15. Are any of the children who are in care with you related to (CAREGIVER'S NAME)?

YES (GO TO #16) 1

NO (GO TO #17) 2

16. How many?

Now I'd like to ask you about the kinds of things do you do when you are at (NAME OF PROGRAM OF CAREGIVER)'s.

17. Are there toys or games for you to play with at (NAME OF PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER)?

YES 1

NO 2

18. Are there enough things for you to do when you are with (CAREGIVER'S NAME)?

YES 1

NO 2

19. Who decides what activities you do while at (CAREGIVER'S NAME)'s? Do you get to pick what you do?

YES, ALWAYS 1

YES, SOMETIMES 2

NO 3

20. Does (CAREGIVER'S NAME) plan/choose activities for you?

YES, ALWAYS 1

YES, SOMETIMES 2

NO 3

21. Think about what you did at (CAREGIVER'S NAME)'s yesterday (or the last day he/she was in care). (HAVE THE CHILD DESCRIBE HIS/HER DAY, USING THE FOLLOWING PROMPTS. MARK THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE MENTIONED.) What did you do when you first got there? Did you do that until you went home? What else did you do? Are these the kinds of things you usually do at (CAREGIVER'S NAME)'s? If no, what do you usually do?

WATCH TELEVISION/VIDEOS	I
PLAY VIDEO/COMPUTER GAMES	2
DO HOMEWORK	3
ARTS & CRAFTS	4
BOARD GAMES	5
GROSS MOTOR/ACTIVITIES/GAMES	6
READ BOOKS	7
FIELD TRIP/OUTING:	
PARK	8
STORE/BANK/POST OFFICE/DOCTOR'S	
OFFICE	9
MUSEUM	1
OTHER (SPECIFY)_____	
	II

22. Is there a place where you can play outside?

YES	1
NO	2 GO TO Q27

23. Are there outdoor toys or games equipment for you to play with?

YES	1
NO	2

24. Do you play outside when you are with (CAREGIVER'S NAME)?

YES (GO TO #25)	1
NO (GO TO #27)	2

25. How much? Do you play outside...? (READ CATEGORIES.)

ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE	1
SOMETIMES	2
PRETTY OFTEN	3
WHENEVER WE WANT TO	4

26. Do you get to choose when to play outside?
- YES 1
NO 2
27. Does (CAREGIVER'S NAME) ever take you and the other kids on fieldtrips or outings?
- YES (GO TO #28) 1
NO (GO TO #30) 2
28. Where do you go? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.)
- PARK 1
POOL 2
STORE/POST OFFICE/DOCTOR' S OFFICE 3
MUSEUM 4
OTHER 5
29. How often? Do you go...? (READ CATEGORIES.)
- Only once in awhile 1
Sometimes 2
Pretty often 3
Whenever we want to 4
30. How do you usually get to (PROVIDER NAME)? (CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE.)
- WALK THERE 1
TAKE THE BUS (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) 2
MOTHER PICKS UP AT SCHOOL AND DROPS OFF 3
OTHER RELATIVE OR FRIEND PICKS UP AT SCHOOL 4
PROVIDER PICKS UP 5
SCHOOL BUS DROPS OFF 6
OTHER (SPECIFY) 7
- 30a. How do you usually get home from (PROVIDER NAME)? (CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE.)
- WALK THERE 1
TAKE THE BUS (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) 2
MOTHER PICKS UP AT PROVIDER 3
OTHER RELATIVE OR FRIEND PICKS UP AT
PROVIDER 4
PROVIDER DROPS OFF 5
OTHER (SPECIFY) 6

31. I am going to read some statements about what you do between the end of the school day and 6:30 at night. After each sentence, I'd like you to tell me if it is always true for you, sometimes true for you, or never true for you. (READ STATEMENTS. CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE.)

After school...

	Always true	Sometimes true	Never true
a. my parents decide what I do	1	2	3
b. I decide what I do	1	2	3
c. I am allowed to go outside and play	1	2	3
d. my parent(s) knows where I am			
e. my parent(s) knows who I am with	1	2	3
f. it is easy to speak or see my parent(s) if I need to	1	2	3
g. I speak to my parents	1	2	3
h. my parents expect that I will see or speak to them	1	2	3
i. in an emergency there is an adult I can speak to or see if I need to	1	2	3
j. there's an adult who knows where I am	1	2	3
k. there is an adult who knows who I am with	1	2	3

The last few questions I have are about what you like and don't like about (PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER'S NAME).

32. Do you like the different kinds of activities/games you get to do at (PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER'S NAME)?

YES1
NO2

Why or why not? (RECORD VERBATIM).

33. Is there anything you wish was different about the activities/games?

YES (GO TO #34)
NO (GO TO #35)

34. What do you wish was different? (RECORD VERBATIM.)

35. Do you like (CAREGIVER'S NAME)?
- YES 1
NO 2

Why or why not? (RECORD VERBATIM).

36. Is there anything you wish was different about (CAREGIVER'S NAME)?
- YES (GO TO #37) 1
NO (GO TO #38) 2

37. What do you wish was different? (RECORD VERBATIM.)

38. Do you like the other kids at (PROGRAM OR CAREGIVER'S NAME)?
- YES 1
NO 2

Why or why not? (RECORD VERBATIM).

39. Is there anything you wish was different about the other kids?
- YES (GO TO #40) 1
NO (GO TO #41) 2

40. What do you wish was different? (RECORD VERBATIM.)
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41. What do you like best about going to (CAREGIVER OR PROGRAM NAME)?

42. What do you wish most that you could change? (RECORD VERBATIM.)
