



TN Pre-K Effectiveness Study

Fall 2009

## Parent Interview

Hello [Parent's name].

I am [Interviewer's name] calling from Vanderbilt in regards to [Child's name] who is participating in the statewide evaluation of the Voluntary Pre-K Program.

Thank you so much for participating with your child in this study! The purpose of this interview is to learn more about your child's educational and care arrangements this year, your child's activities at home, and your and your child's background. All of this information will help us to better understand preschoolers and how they learn.

It should take about 30 minutes. Is this a convenient time for you?

Thank you so much for your help.

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. No one from your child's preschool will see or hear your answers. Everything we talk about will remain confidential. Included in this form are questions about your child's social security number and contact information for you and for close friends and family. We realize this information is private, however it is needed to send you the \$20 thank you gift card and to follow up on his/her progress in school. This information is necessary for your child to receive this gift.

Adapted from Morrison Family Literacy Questionnaire & National Household Educational Survey of School Readiness, 2007

## **Confirmation of contact information and request for SSN**

This page is created in Filemaker for each individual child.

## Your Child's Educational and Care Arrangements

1. Which of the following best describes your child's educational care arrangements?

Public pre-K classroom    Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Start Center    Name of center: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Child Center    Name of Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Home-based Child Care in other than parent's/guardian's home

Stay at home with someone other than the parent

Stay at home with the parent? Which parent \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is your child now attending an additional center or school, such as a "before" or "after" school program at a school or center on a regular basis?  Yes  No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How satisfied are you with the educational and care arrangements for your child?

a. very dissatisfied

c. somewhat satisfied

b. somewhat dissatisfied

d. very satisfied

4. Do you feel the activities your child engages in during the day will help prepare her/him for kindergarten next year?

a. no

b. somewhat

c. yes

5. Are you at all concerned about how well s/he will do in kindergarten?

a. very concerned

d. not very concerned

b. a little concerned

e. not at all concerned

c. not sure

## What Your Child Does at Home

6. How many hours per day does your child watch TV or videos on:

a. Monday-Friday \_\_\_\_\_

b. Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

c. Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

7. About how many children's books do you have in your home now, including library books? Please only include books that are for children. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does your family subscribe to newspapers/magazines?  Yes

No

If yes, a. # Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ b. # Magazines \_\_\_\_\_ c. # Child Magazines \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does anyone in your home have a library card?  Yes

No

If Yes, how often is it used?

Almost never  
week

Once or twice a year

Every few months

More than once a month

At least once a

1

2

3

4

5

## You and your Child

The next questions are about your child's activities with family members.

10. In a typical week, how often do you or any other family member do the following things with your child? Use the following descriptors to rate how often.

Almost Never	Not every week but sometimes	1 - 3 times	4 - 6 times	Daily
1	2	3	4	5

a) Sing songs	1	2	3	4	5
b) Do chores, like setting the table or caring for pets	1	2	3	4	5
c) Play games or do puzzles	1	2	3	4	5
d) Play sports or exercise	1	2	3	4	5
e) Practice the names of letters	1	2	3	4	5
f) Practice reading words	1	2	3	4	5
g) Practice letter sounds	1	2	3	4	5
h) Read to your child	1	2	3	4	5
i) Talk about what happened at school	1	2	3	4	5
j) Play board or card games	1	2	3	4	5
k) Play with blocks	1	2	3	4	5
l) Play counting games or sing counting songs	1	2	3	4	5
m) Count different things	1	2	3	4	5
n) Play with electronic toys (LeapFrog)	1	2	3	4	5
o) Play on computer	1	2	3	4	5
p) Read to yourself	1	2	3	4	5
q) Your spouse or partner read to him/herself?	1	2	3	4	5

11. Has your child ever been referred for special education services?  Yes  No

- a. If "yes," did your child qualify for services?  Yes  No

If "yes,"

- b. What was your child's diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

- c. How old was your child when s/he was diagnosed? \_\_\_\_\_

- d. What services did/does your child receive? \_\_\_\_\_

## You and Your Family

12. Which of the following educational levels have you completed?  
(Circle all that apply)

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade        | e. some college       |
| b. some high school             | f. associate's degree |
| c. graduated high school or GED | g. bachelor's degree  |
| d. vocational/technical school  | h. master's degree    |

13. Tell us about your work (if applicable).

Job/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

14. Which of the following educational levels has your spouse/partner completed?  
(Circle all that apply)

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade        | f. associate's degree |
| b. some high school             | g. bachelor's degree  |
| c. graduated high school or GED | h. master's degree    |
| d. vocational/technical school  | i. don't know         |
| e. some college                 |                       |

15. Tell us about your spouse/partner's work (if applicable).

Job/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

16. Is any language other than English regularly spoken in your home?  Yes  No

a. If "yes", what is the primary language spoken in your home? (Circle one)

English Spanish Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. Was your child born in the United States?  Yes  No

a. If "no," In what year did your child come to the United States to stay?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Information and School Next Year

Just to make sure we can reach you, here are a few questions about how to find you.

**Review the contact information received earlier.  
Ask for a few more ways to contact parent.**

- Is there a second phone number, such as a work number, a friend or relative's number, or a beeper or cell phone number, where you can sometimes be reached?

(phone numbers): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Is there a relative or friend who will always know how to get in touch with you?

We will only contact them if we cannot locate you.

Name and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

(phone): \_\_\_\_\_

(mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

(email address?): \_\_\_\_\_

- Is there another relative or friend who will always know how to get in touch with you? Who? We will only contact them if we cannot locate you.

Name and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

(phone): \_\_\_\_\_

(mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

(email address?): \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the name and location of the school your child will attend next year?

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

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