

EARLY CHILDHOOD QUALITY AND CAPACITY SURVEY (ECQCS)

In partnership with Communities for Kids, (Insert Name) is collecting data with the mission to bring awareness and inform the community of the importance of high-quality early childcare and educational programs. (Insert Name) needs the community's assistance to identify the needs for our early childcare and education programs. Once the survey results are analyzed, this will allow (Insert Name) to partner with (Community/ County) residents to find solutions to the needs identified in the surveys and what the community is telling us.

All residents of (Insert Name), with or without young children, are encouraged to fill out the survey. Thank you!

COMMUNITY
CHILDCARE

1. In which community do you reside?

- (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)
 (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)

2. Are you currently employed?

- No Part-time Full-time More than 40 hours/week

3. In which community are you employed?

- (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)
 (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)
 N/A

4. Is there information in the community that shares what a high-quality childcare program looks like?

- Yes No I don't know

5. If YES, list the name of the business/organization that provided the information.

6. How important is high quality childcare in your community?

- Important Sort of Important Not Important

7. Do you feel the childcare that is offered in your community is high quality?

- Yes No I don't know

8. How important is it to have enough childcare options in your community?

- Important Sort of Important Not Important

9. Do you feel that there are enough childcare options in your community?

- Yes No I don't know

10. How important is reliable childcare that does not cause a work disruption to the community?

- Important Sort of Important Not Important

11. How important is childcare that is affordable and accessible to all children?

- Important Sort of Important Not Important

12. Do you feel the childcare that is offered in the community is affordable and accessible to all children?

- Yes No

13. On a scale of one to five, five being the most important, what priority would you give to high quality childcare availability for the future growth and development of (Insert Name)?

- 5 4 3 2 1

14. What additional information would you like to add?

15. Do you have children ages birth through age 5 or plan to in the next 5 years?

- YES, complete questions 16-27. No, skip this section.

16. Do you currently use a childcare provider?

- Yes No

17. If you are NOT using a childcare provider, please indicate a reason.

- Not employed Unable to find I don't know who to ask
 Work different shifts than spouse/partner Rely on relatives and/or friends
 Not comfortable with the quality of available childcare

18. If YES, what type of provider are you using?

- Home-based Center-based

19. What are your childcare needs per week?

- Full-Time (32+ Hours) Part-Time (Less than 32 Hours) Overlapping Schedules (*Several Hours a Day*)
 After School Evenings Weekends

20. In which community is your childcare provider?

- (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)
 (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name) (Insert Name)

21. If using a childcare provider, are they licensed?

- Yes No Not sure

22. If using a childcare provider, was it difficult to find childcare locally?

- Yes No

23. If you answered YES on the previous question, please indicate why finding childcare was difficult. (may select more than one)

- Cost Availability Quality Location
 Hours of Operation Didn't know who to ask Other: _____

24. In the last 12 months, has a lack of childcare caused you to miss work, be tardy or cause a distraction at work?

- Yes No N/A

25. Has childcare availability ever affected your ability to accept a position or maintain employment?

- Yes No N/A

26. What are you looking for in a childcare provider?

27. What do you want provided to your child that helps he/she grow as an individual while in care?

**EMPLOYERS -
BUSINESSES**

28. Are you a business or employer?

- YES, complete questions 28-35. No, skip this section.

29. In the last 12 months, has a lack of childcare caused your employees, to be tardy, miss work or cause a distraction at work?

- Yes No Unknown

30. Has childcare availability ever affected your ability to attain or retain employees?

- Yes No Unknown

31. Has childcare availability ever affected your ability to hire your candidate of choice?

- Yes No Unknown

32. Do you have space to host a childcare on site?

- Yes No Unknown

33. Does the organization have plans in place to host childcare at your location in the next 3 years?

- Yes No Unknown

34. Is childcare for your employees part of the business plan or one of the business priorities?

- Yes No Unknown

35. What additional information would you like to add?

**CHILDCARE
PROVIDERS**

36. Are you a child care provider?

- YES, complete questions 37-48. No, skip this section.

37. Are you currently providing child care in your home?

- Yes No

38. Are you currently licensed by the state of Nebraska to provide child care?

- Yes No

39. If yes, what license do you hold?

- Family Child Care Home I Family Child Care Home II
 Child Care Center Preschool/School Age Only

40. If you are NOT licensed, what are the primary reasons for not becoming licensed? (check all that apply)

- Time Not interested Money/Too expensive Training requirements
 Don't want the rules/oversight Language barrier
 Other: _____
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41. Do you have a desire to become licensed?

- Yes No

42. If you have a desire to become licensed, what would be the most helpful for you? (check all that apply)

- Mentor to help with the process Free training
 Money for materials Translation of materials into another language

43. Are you enrolled in Step Up to Quality?

- Yes No

44. If Yes, what level are you currently?

- Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4 Step 5

45. If you are NOT registered in Step Up to Quality, please indicate the reason. (check all that apply)

- Time Money Training Requirements It's too confusing
 I don't know what Step Up to Quality is Not enough incentive to participate
 Other: _____

46. Are you planning to retire or exit the field in the near future?

- 2 yrs 3-5 yrs 6-8 yrs 7-10 yrs
 No plans to exit in next 10 yrs

47. Would you be interested in finding out more about co-locating your business to decrease overhead cost?

- Yes No

48. What additional information would you like to add?

ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS

49. Please check the number of people in your household in each age range; AND check the age range that describes the person filling out this form.

- Expecting 0-18 Months 18 mo-2 yrs 3-5 yrs 6-8 yrs
 9-12 yrs 13-18 yrs 19-25 yrs 26-30 yrs 31-40 yrs
 41-50 yrs 51-65 yrs 66+ yrs

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51. Select the combined household annual income

- \$0 - \$19,999 \$20,000-\$39,999 \$40,000 - \$59,999 \$60,000-\$79,999
 \$80,000 - \$99,999 \$100,000-\$139,999 \$140,000+

52. What is the highest level of education completed by adults in household (Check all that apply)

- Did not graduate GED or High School Diploma Technical School/Certification
 Associates Degree (2 year) Bachelor's Degree (4 year) Master's Degree
 Doctoral Degree

53. Select all that applies to the person filling out this form

- American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Asian
 Black or African American White or Caucasian Hispanic or Latino
 Other/Unknown