Family Child Care Partnerships

 **DATE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Provider Information Survey ID#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Your Child Care Services and Operations

For each question, please **circle the number** beside the response which best applies to your situation or fill in the blank next to the question.

Q1. What type of child care service are you licensed to operate?

1. Family day care home
2. Group day care home

Q2. How many children are you licensed to serve? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q3. How many years have you worked for pay by caring for children in your home? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q4. Do you have your CDA (Child Development Associate) credential? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Q5. Which of the following statements best describes the operating hours of your child care home?

1. I have set operating hours, and I tend to be strict about keeping them.
2. I have set operating hours, and I tend to be flexible about keeping them.
3. I set my operating hours according to the needs of the specific families enrolled.
4. I do not have set operating hours.

Q6. At what time of day does your business open? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 At what time of day does your business close? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q7. How many full-time paid assistants (not substitutes) work for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Q8. How many part-time paid assistants (not substitutes) work for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q9. How do you generally structure your fees? (Circle the number of **all** that apply.)

1. I have a set daily (or weekly or monthly) fee per child
2. I change my fees somewhat for families who enroll more than one child.
3. The fees I charge are different based on the age of the child.
4. My fees are set by the state because I accept child care subsidy payments.

Q10. In an average year, what is your total **child care** income (before taxes)?

 1 Less than $10,000

 2 Between $10,001 and $20,000

 3 Between $20,001 and $30,000

 4 Between $30,001 and $40,000

 5 Between $40,001 and $50,000

 6 Between $50,001 and $60,000

 7 Over $60,000

## Q11. Are you currently a member of any kind of child care provider organization or group?

##  1 Yes (if yes, please list below the organization or groups to which you belong)

 2 No

## **Your Unique Situation and Background**

Q12. What is your sex?

1Female

 2 Male

Q13. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

Q14. What ethnic or racial group do you identify with or belong to?

 1 White or Caucasian

 2 Black or African-American

 3 Hispanic or Latino

 4 Asian or Pacific Islander

 5 American Indian or Native American

 6 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q15. What is your current marital status?

 1. Married 2. Single, separated, or divorced

Q16. Not counting yourself, how many adults (19 or older) live with you on a full-time basis?\_\_\_\_\_

Q17. How many children (under age 19) live with you on a full-time basis? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Q18. Which choice best describes your current level of education?

 1 High school or GED

 2 Some college credits, but no degree

 3 2-year Associate degree

 4 Bachelor’s degree

 5 Master’s degree or higher

Q19. Below is a list of different types of formal educational programs. Please indicate the program(s) in which you are currently enrolled. (Circle **all** that apply)

1. I am not enrolled in a formal educational program at this time.
2. I am enrolled in CDA classes.
3. I am enrolled in the TEACH program.
4. I am enrolled in the Alabama Leadership in Child Care Scholarship program.
5. I am working on a C26 or Short Term certificate in child-care.
6. I am working on an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in child-care related field.
7. I am working on an Occupational Certificate program in child-care.
8. I am working on an Associate in Science (AS) degree in a child-care related field.
9. I am working on a Bachelor’s degree in a child-care related field.
10. I am working on an advanced degree in a child-care related field.
11. I am working on a degree (2-year or 4-year or advanced) in a NON-child care related field.

Q20. What is your total **household**income each year (before taxes)?

1 Less than $10,000

2 Between $10,001 and $20,000

3 Between $20,001 and $30,000

4 Between $30,001 and $40,000

5 Between $40,001 and $50,000

6 Between $50,001 and $60,000

7 Between $60,001 and $70,000

8 Between $70,001 and $80,000

9 Over $80,000

Q21. Which of the following responses best describes where you live? (Circle one.)

1 In a rural area *more than 30 minutes* from a town with a population of 5,000 or more

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4 In a medium-sized town (with a population between 5,000-25,000)

5 In a city or large urban area (with a population over 25,000)

Q22. Family child care providers have different reasons that motivate them to care for children day in and day out. For each statement below, put an “**X**” in the box that best represents how true it is as a statement about why you care for children in your home.

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| B. It makes me feel important.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. I can explore and use my own strengths. |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. It provides me with a financial means of supporting myself and my family. |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. I feel compassion toward parents who need care for their young children. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| H. I learn how to deal with a variety of different people. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. I am genuinely interested in the development of young children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. It allows me to learn things through direct, hands on experience. |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. It allows me to be at home with my own children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| L. It increases my self esteem.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M. I learn so much that is interesting to me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| N. It makes me feel needed. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3. Alabama Public Television (APTV) | NO or YES → |  |
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| 5. College-sponsored workshops | NO or YES → |  |
| 6. Kids ‘n’ Kin | NO or YES → |  |
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| 8. Other (name source):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  YES → YES → |  |

Q25. Below is a list of the six DHR-defined training categories. Please estimate how many training hours you received in each DHR category *during the past 12 months*.

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Q26. How many other family child care providers do you know in your area/community? (Circle the number beside the best answer.)

1 None

2 1-2

3 3-5

4 6-10

5 Over 10

Q27. How many of these providers could you feel free to call if you had a question or concern related to your work? (Circle the number beside the best answer.)

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5 I don’t know.

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