

Parent/Caregiver Interview

Child's name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Person's name giving this information: _____

Relationship to the child: _____ Today's date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In order to provide your child with an appropriate education, we need to know about his or her language and education background. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions below. Your honesty and thoughtfulness in answering these questions is greatly appreciated and will directly benefit your child's education.

If there is more than one language spoken in your house, please feel free to include them all in your answers.

When your child was a baby:

1 At what age did your child begin to speak?

Babbling: _____ First Words: _____ Phrases: _____

2 Were there any concerns when your child first began speaking? _____

3 What language did you speak to your child when he/she was a baby or young child?

4 In what language did your child say his/her first words? _____

5 In what language did your child speak as a baby or young child? _____

6 What language did other individuals in your house (other caregivers, babysitters, siblings, relatives) speak to your child when he/she was a baby or young child? _____

7 What language did you use to sing and/or read to your child when he/she was a baby or young child? _____

At the present time:

1 What language is spoken in the child's home or residence most of the time?

2 What language do you mostly use to speak to your child now?

3 What language does your child mostly speak to you?

4 What language does your child prefer to speak to others (siblings, caregivers, babysitters,

relatives)?

5 Do you feel your child has difficulty communicating his/her wants and needs?

6 What is the primary language your child is exposed to during social events (playgroups, church events and community activities)

Other School Experiences:

1 Did your child attend preschool? _____ If yes, what was the language used by the teacher?

2 Does your child know how to read? _____ If yes, in what language? _____

3 Does your child know how to write? _____ If yes, in what language? _____

4 Does your child know how to read and write in his/her first language? _____

5 Is this the first time the child has attended a school in the United States of America?

- If yes, where did he/she go to school previously? _____

- What language was used for instruction? _____

6 Did your child discontinue/stop going to school for a while? _____ years _____ months
_____ Weeks _____ days.

7 Did your child attend school daily/consistently? _____

8 Has your child ever had difficulties learning? _____ If yes, please explain briefly _____

9 Has your child ever received special services (teachers) to help his/her learning? _____
If yes, please explain briefly _____

10 Is there anything more you would like to tell us about your child's prior school experience?

