

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/young child:

1. At what age did your child babble? _____ At what age did your child say his/her first words? _____ At what age did your child begin to use phrases? _____
2. Were there any concerns when your child first began speaking?

3. In what language did your child say his/her first words?

4. In what language did your child speak as a baby or young child?

5. What language(s) did you speak to your child when he/she was a baby or young child? If multiple languages, what percentage of the time did you speak each language to your child?

6. What language(s) did other individuals in your house (other caregivers, babysitters, siblings, relatives) speak to your child when he/she was a baby or young child? If multiple languages, what percentage of the time did they speak each language?

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

8. At what age was your child first introduced to English (through tv, siblings, caregivers, preschool, etc.)? _____
9. How long has your child lived in an English-speaking country? _____

At the present time:

1. What language(s) are spoken in the child's home or residence most of the time? If multiple languages, what percentage of the time are each spoken?

2. What language do parents 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 at home (siblings, caregivers, babysitters, relatives)?

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

6. Does your child have difficulty speaking or understanding his primary language? _____
7. Do you feel your child has difficulty communicating his/her wants and needs? _____
8. Do you have any concerns currently about how your child speaks? If yes, what are your concerns? (i.e. delayed speech, stuttering, articulation)?

9. Is your child learning language as well as or as quickly as his/her brothers or sisters?

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(s)?

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

4. Does your child know how to read and write in his/her first language? _____
5. Has your child attended school outside of the United States? _____
 - 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? _____ If yes, for how long? _____
7. Does 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:

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