



MIDWEST CHILD CARE RESEARCH STUDY

CENTER DIRECTOR

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses will help your state learn more about the people who provide child care. It will take you about 5 minutes. All your responses will be confidential and anonymous. Please seal this survey in the envelope provided when you are finished. Your participation is voluntary. Your replies will be sent to researchers at Iowa State University, University of Kansas, University of Missouri or the University of Nebraska (depending on your state) to learn about child care providers as a group.

This survey is a scannable form. Please mark your responses with an "x" using a blue or black pen like this .

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Please put the LAST 4 digits of your Social Security Number in the unshaded boxes. These numbers will help to avoid duplication in our data but cannot be used to identify you by name.

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What state do you work in?

- Iowa (IA)
- Kansas (KS)
- Missouri (MO)
- Nebraska (NE)

What county do you work in? (Please write in county name.)

1. What is your highest level of education?

- Less than High School → **Skip to question #2**
- High School or GED → **Skip to question #2**
- Some Training Beyond High School but not a Degree → **Skip to question #2**
- One Year Vocational Training Certificate, Certificate of Proficiency (MO) or Degree
- Two Year Degree
- Four Year Degree
- Graduate Training or Graduate Degree

1a. If you have a degree beyond high school, what best describes your area of study?

- Child Development/Early Childhood Education
- Other area, child-related
- Other area, not child-related

Please answer question 1b if you hold a four year degree or more. All others skip to question #2.

1b. If you have a four year degree or more, do you have an early childhood teaching endorsement or license?

- Yes
- No

2. Have you completed a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential?

- Yes
- No

3. Have you completed a multi-day training program in any of the following? (Mark all that apply.)

- Creative Curriculum
- High/Scope Training
- Montessori Training
- Parents as Teachers
- Project Construct
- West Ed Training/Program for Infant and Toddler Caregivers (PITC)
- Child Net (IA)
- Every Child Reads (IA)
- Welcome to Child Care Series: Child Care Center Staff (IA)
- Welcome to School Age Child Care (IA)
- Child Care Resource and Referral (KS)
- Entrepreneurship (KS)
- Child Care Orientation Training (CCOT) (MO)
- Heads Up! Reading (MO, NE)
- Early Childhood Care and Education Management Training (NE)
- First Connections (NE)
- Other, please specify:

4. Have you completed CPR or First Aid certification/recertification within the past 2 years?

- CPR only
- First Aid only
- Both CPR AND First Aid
- Neither CPR nor First Aid

5. In the past year (from January 1 to December 31, 2002), did you do any of the following? (Mark all that apply.)

- Attend a regional, state, or national conference for child care
- Attend a workshop or meeting in your community for child care
- Formally participate in the T.E.A.C.H. program
- Formally participate in the Wage\$ or WIN program
- Receive college credit for a child development, early childhood, or management class
- Utilize the services of a Resource and Referral Agency

6. How many clock hours of child care-related training did you complete during the past year (from January 1 to December 31, 2002)?

- 11 or fewer
- 12-23
- 24 or more

7. Do teachers in your program regularly conduct a formal conference on at least an annual basis with the parents of children they care for, to discuss the children's development?

- Yes
- No

8. Do most of the teachers in your program follow a formal curriculum as a guide to daily program activities?

Yes, please specify name of curriculum:

No

8a. Do the teachers in your program have a way of documenting each child's developmental progress?

- Yes
- No

9. Does your program participate in the USDA/Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

- Yes
- No

10. Is your program an Early Head Start or Head Start Program? (Please select the best answer.)

- Yes, Early Head Start Program → **Skip to question #11**
- Yes, Head Start Program → **Skip to question #11**
- Yes, both Early Head Start and Head Start Programs → **Skip to question #11**
- No, neither Early Head Start nor Head Start Program → **Continue**

10a. (If "No" in question #10:) Does your child care center have a formal commitment or contract to follow the Head Start performance standards?

- Yes
- No

11. Is your program *currently* accredited by any of the following national- or state-recognized child care accrediting bodies? (Mark all that apply.)

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- Missouri Accreditation (MoA)
- Other, please specify:

12. Are you a member of: (Mark all that apply.)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or state affiliate
 - National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) or state affiliate
 - National Head Start Association
 - Other, please specify:

13. During this calendar month, is your center caring for any children whose child care will be paid by federal/state child care subsidies?
- Yes
 - No

14. During this calendar month, is your center serving any children who have verified disabilities?
- Yes
 - No

15. In the past 6 months have you: (Mark all that apply.)
- Had formal conferences with teachers to talk with them about their progress
 - Provided training related to caregivers' development during the program day
 - Provided training related to caregivers' development during evening, weekend or after school
 - Obtained funds or otherwise made it possible for teachers to attend a state, regional or national conference
 - Provided *formal* recognition to caregivers/teachers for excellence, e.g., recognition night, awards, etc.
 - Used other ways to promote the development of your caregivers/teachers. Please specify:

16. For how many children is your facility licensed? (Please write in actual number of children.)
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- 16a. For the following questions please answer how many part-time (29 hours or less) and how many full-time (30 hours or more) staff work in your program. (Please write in the numbers of full- and part-time staff for each category in the corresponding boxes below. If none write in 00.)

- a. Directors/Supervisors (includes any type of on-site supervisor)

How many part-time?

How many full-time?

- b. Teachers (includes lead and assistant teachers and instructional aids)

How many part-time?

How many full-time?

- c. Support Staff (includes cooks, secretarial, custodial and transportation staff, etc.)

How many part-time?

How many full-time?

17. Do you work in your director role:

- Less than 15 hours a week
- 15 to less than 30 hours a week
- 30 to less than 45 hours a week
- 45 hours a week or more

18. What is your role? (Please select your primary role.)

- Director or Co-Director
- Assistant Director/On-Site Supervisor/Program Manager
- Other, please specify:

19. What ages do you serve your center? (Mark all that apply.)

- Infants and/or toddlers
- Preschool aged children (3-5)
- Kindergarten aged children
- First grade or older children

20. What do you consider your race?

- White
- Black/African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Other, please specify:

21. Is your ethnicity of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes
- No

22. What is your age? (Please specify actual age.)

23. Income is an important feature to learn about child care directors. What is your personal annual income before taxes from child care?

- Less than \$12,500
- \$12,500 to less than \$16,000
- \$16,000 to less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to less than \$30,000
- \$30,000 to less than \$40,000
- \$40,000 or more

24. Do you receive health insurance from your child care employer?

- Yes
- No

25. Type of child care provided:

- Licensed Center
- Licensed Preschool (5 or fewer hours a day)
- License Exempt Facility (MO only)

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses help tell the story of child care in your state. A small number of provider's names will be drawn at random for a follow-up observation. These providers will be contacted by telephone and will be paid for their participation by researchers from the state university.

