VIRGINIA EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE SURVEY: LEADER

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YOU AND YOUR JOB

This section asks about your current or most recent experiences working in early childhood care and education. Throughout the survey, we define "this site" as the center, home, or school listed on the return envelope for this survey. Please note, your responses to this survey may be linked to state administrative data or to other surveys collected by UVA research teams. Your information will be kept confidential. Your responses will never be released to anyone in your site, Ready Region, or elsewhere.

1. Whic	ch of these titles best describes your current or most recent position at this site?
0	Owner and Site Director
0	Owner
0	Site Director or Principal
0	Assistant Director or Assistant Principal
0	Teacher (lead teacher, co-teacher, assistant teacher, aide, paraprofessional, floater, etc.)
Ο	Site Director and Teacher
Ο	Early Childhood Manager or Coordinator
Ο	Other (please specify):
2. Are y	you currently employed in a leadership position at this site? Leadership positions typically involve managing
operati	ions, staffing, budgeting, and supporting teachers.
0	Yes
Ο	No $-$ If you answer no, please stop and give this survey to a leader of this site.
provide	lowing questions ask for your full name and contact information. Please be sure the information you e is accurate. We will use it to email you a \$20 Walmart gift card about 2 business days after we receive nished survey.
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J. i ica:	
	First Name:
	Last Name:
	Maiden Name (if applicable):
	Primary Email Address:
	Alternative Email Address:
4. Wha	t is this site's address?
	Street Address:
	Zin Code: County or City:

5. For about now long have you worked at this site	in any position	1!		
	years and	months		
6. For about how long have you worked as an early one)?	childhood edu		on and at any sit	te, including this
	years and	1110111113		
7. Site leader responsibilities vary. Thinking specific involved are you in the following areas? <i>If your site include work related to them in your responses.</i>				
	Not at all involved	Familiar but not directly involved	Involved but not leading	Highly involved and leading
Enrollment	0	0	0	0
Teaching observation & evaluation (e.g., CLASS)	0	0	0	0
Curriculum	0	0	0	0
Professional development	0	0	0	0
Behavior management	0	0	0	0
Staffing (e.g., hiring & compensation)	0	0	0	0
CHILDREN SERVED This section asks questions about enrollment and a registered for and/or on your site's roster.	ttendance at y	our site. Enrollment	refers to childre	en who are
8. How many children are currently enrolled at this	site? <i>Please e</i>	nter a number		
9. How many of the children enrolled are in each on numbers. If none, write "0."	f the following	age groups? Your be	est estimate is f	ine. Please enter
		# of children		
Infants (0-15 months)				
Toddlers (16-35 months) 3-year-olds				
4- or 5-year-olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten				
School-age children kindergarten and up				
0 1 1 1 1				

The following items ask about the children enrolled in your program who are **age 0-5 who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten**. If you serve school-age children, in kindergarten or above, please do not include them in your responses.

10. Of the children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten) enrolled at this site, how many are... Please count each child only once. Your best estimate is fine. Please enter numbers. If none, write "0."

children

11. As far as you know, how many of the children <u>age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten)</u> have **diagnosed special needs?** By special needs we mean: an IFSP or IEP, a diagnosed disability, chronic illness, or medical problem. *Please enter a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."*

12. As far as you know, how many of the children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten) are from families who **speak a** language other than English at home? Please enter a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."

13. Since August, about how many children age 0-5 have you stopped serving due to behavior problems? *Please enter a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."*

- 14. Since August, how difficult has it been to fill all the openings for children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten)?
 - O Not at all difficult
 - O A little difficult
 - O Moderately difficult
 - O Very difficult
 - O Don't know

15. Ma	ny child care sites struggle to make ends meet. Thinking about the past year, has your site lost money, broken
even, c	or made a profit?
Ο	Lost money (took in less than we spent)
Ο	Broke even (took in about as much as we spent)
Ο	Made a profit (took in more than we spent)
Ο	I don't know
0	Not applicable: I am a school leader.
	ome Virginia communities, early childhood leaders are working to help sites fill slots and help families find slots.
	community, is there such a collaborative effort?
_	No — If you answer "No," please skip to question #18.
0	Yes
0	Don't know – If you answer "Don't know," please skip to question #18.
17. Hav	ve efforts to coordinate enrollment in your community helped you maintain or expand your enrollment?
Ο	Not at all
Ο	A little
Ο	Moderately
Ο	Very much
0	Not applicable: We have not faced challenges with enrollment.
	at more could your community do to help families find early care and education, and/or to help your site fill its
slots?	

TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTIONS AND THE CLASS

The next set of questions asks about your experience with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System, or the CLASS. The CLASS is a tool that measures the quality of teacher-child interactions. Please focus on interactions with children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.

19. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. *Mark one response per line*.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
I have a clear understanding of what the CLASS measures.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children learn more in classrooms with higher CLASS scores.	0	0	Ο	0	0	0
Ensuring high quality teacher-child interactions is a priority for my site.	0	0	0	0	0	0

zu. Hav	ve you ever attended a training that introduced you to the CLASS observation tool?
0	No
Ο	Yes
0	Don't know
21. Do	you know how to access your teachers' CLASS scores?
0	No
0	Yes
22. Sin	ce August, have you accessed your teachers' CLASS scores?
Ο	No – If you answer "No," please skip to question #25.
0	Yes
0	Don't know
23. Ho	w useful have you found seeing your teachers' CLASS scores?
Ο	Not at all useful
0	A little bit useful
Ο	Moderately useful
0	Very useful
	ce August, have you used their CLASS scores to support teachers (e.g., discussed their scores and/or strategies for rement, signed them up for training)?
Ο	No
0	Yes
0	Don't know
	w well equipped do you feel to support teachers of children age 0-5 in improving the quality of their interactions nildren?
_	Not well equipped
0	Somewhat well equipped
0	Very well equipped
26. Ho	w interested would you be in additional training on strategies to support your teachers of children age 0-5 with
improv	ring the quality of their interactions with children?
0	Not at all interested
0	A little bit interested
0	Moderately interested
Ο	Very interested

27. Wh	at particular supports do you need to better help your teachers with the CLASS tool? Please explain.
	RTING TEACHING AND LEARNING
	xt set of questions is about curricula and professional development at your site. Please focus on teachers ork with children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.
28. Ho	w much do you disagree or agree with the following statement? A formal curriculum is important for ensuring
quality	for children age 0-5 at my site.
Ο	Strongly disagree
0	Disagree
0	Neither disagree nor agree
0	Agree
0	Strongly agree
29. Ho	w many of the lead teachers who work with children age 0-5 at your site regularly use a curriculum?
Ο	None of my teachers – If you answer "None," please skip to question #34.
0	Some of my teachers
0	Most of my teachers
0	All of my teachers
	ricula can be difficult to implement. As far as you know, how many of the lead teachers using the curriculum are table using it?
0	None of my teachers
Ο	Some of my teachers
0	Most of my teachers
0	All of my teachers
0	Not applicable: My site does not use a curriculum for children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.
31. Ho	w well equipped do you feel to support teachers of children age 0-5 in fully implementing their curriculum?
Ο	Not well equipped
Ο	Somewhat well equipped
0	Very well equipped

32. Have you received any of the following types of training or professional development to support the implementation of the curriculum for children age 0-5 at your site? Mark all that apply.
☐ One brief, introductory training on the curriculum (3 hours or less)
An in-depth training on the curriculum (half day or longer)
☐ Multiple training sessions on the curriculum
☐ Individualized coaching related to the curriculum
Other (please specify):
None of the above
33. How interested would you be in additional training on strategies to support your teachers of children age 0-5 with using the curriculum?
O Not at all interested
O A little bit interested
O Moderately interested
O Very interested
34. What particular supports do you need to better help teachers of children age 0-5 use curricula? Please explain.
STAFFING & TEACHER COMPENSATION
The following questions are about your experiences with managing staffing at your site (e.g., retaining current teachers, teachers leaving, staff vacancies) and with hiring new teachers for your site. Only report on staff who work with children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.
In the questions below, "lead teachers" refers to the primary instructional leaders and care providers for a classroom or group of children.
"Assistant teachers" (including aides, paraprofessionals, and floaters) refers to teachers or staff who support the lead teacher in providing teaching and care to young children.
35. How many teachers are currently employed by this site to teach and care for children age 0-5? Do not include yourself. Please enter numbers. Lead teachers Assistant teachers/aides

36. What are the average wages of **lead teachers** who work with children age 0-5 for this site? *Your best estimate is fine. Please mark only one.*

O Less than \$10.00 per hour	O \$13.50 per hour	O \$19.50 per hour
O \$10.00 per hour	O \$13.75 per hour	O \$20.00 per hour
O \$10.25 per hour	O \$14.00 per hour	O \$20.50 per hour
O \$10.50 per hour	O \$14.25 per hour	O \$21.00 per hour
O \$10.75 per hour	O \$14.50 per hour	O \$21.50 per hour
O \$11.00 per hour	O \$14.75 per hour	O \$22.00 per hour
O \$11.25 per hour	O \$15.00 per hour	O \$22.50 per hour
O \$11.50 per hour	O \$15.50 per hour	O \$23.00 per hour
O \$11.75 per hour	O \$16.00 per hour	O \$23.50 per hour
O \$12.00 per hour	O \$16.50 per hour	O \$24.00 per hour
O \$12.25 per hour	O \$17.00 per hour	O \$24.50 per hour
O \$12.50 per hour	O \$17.50 per hour	O \$25.00 per hour
O \$12.75 per hour	O \$18.00 per hour	O More than \$25.00 per hour
O \$13.00 per hour	O \$18.50 per hour	
O \$13.25 per hour	O \$19.00 per hour	

37. What are the average wages of **assistant teachers** who work with children age 0-5 for this site? *Your best estimate is fine.* **Please mark only one.**

O Less than \$10.00 per hour	O \$13.50 per hour	O \$19.50 per hour
O \$10.00 per hour	O \$13.75 per hour	O \$20.00 per hour
O \$10.25 per hour	O \$14.00 per hour	O \$20.50 per hour
O \$10.50 per hour	O \$14.25 per hour	O \$21.00 per hour
O \$10.75 per hour	O \$14.50 per hour	O \$21.50 per hour
O \$11.00 per hour	O \$14.75 per hour	O \$22.00 per hour
O \$11.25 per hour	O \$15.00 per hour	O \$22.50 per hour
O \$11.50 per hour	O \$15.50 per hour	O \$23.00 per hour
O \$11.75 per hour	O \$16.00 per hour	O \$23.50 per hour
O \$12.00 per hour	O \$16.50 per hour	O \$24.00 per hour
O \$12.25 per hour	O \$17.00 per hour	O \$24.50 per hour
O \$12.50 per hour	O \$17.50 per hour	O \$25.00 per hour
O \$12.75 per hour	O \$18.00 per hour	O More than \$25.00 per hour
O \$13.00 per hour	O \$18.50 per hour	
O \$13.25 per hour	O \$19.00 per hour	

best estimate is fine. Please focus on staff who work with children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.
38. Since December, how many lead teachers left this site (e.g., quit/resigned, were terminated)?
Since December, how many new lead teachers were hired to work for this site?
Currently, how many unfilled vacancies are there for lead teachers?
39. Since December, how many assistant teachers left this site (e.g., quit/resigned, were terminated)?
Since December, how many new assistant teachers were hired to work for this site?
Currently, how many unfilled vacancies are there for assistant teachers?
40. At your site, how challenging is staffing (e.g., teachers leaving, vacancies)? <i>Please focus on teachers who work we children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.</i>
O Not at all challenging
O A little challenging O Moderately challenging
O Very challenging
41. How worried are you that current teachers of children age 0-5 will leave because of low compensation levels?
O Not at all worried
O A little worried
O Moderately worried
O Very worried
42. Many leaders spend a part of their week in the classroom working with children (e.g., teaching, filling in for staff Thinking back to last week, about how much of your time did you spend working directly with children age 0-5 in the classroom?
O None or less than an hour – If you answer "None or less than an hour," please skip to question #44.
O 1-5 hours
O 6-10 hours
O 11-20 hours
O More than 20 hours
43. How much of the time you spent in the classroom working directly with children last week was a result of staffin challenges?
O None
O Some
O Most
O All

The next questions ask about how staffing at your site has changed **since December.** Please enter numbers. Your

has it been to find and hire teachers of children age 0-5 when there are openings? If	this site h	as not ho	nd to find or hire		
new teachers since December, skip this question.					
O Not at all challenging					
O A little challenging					
O Moderately challenging					
O Very challenging					
O Not applicable: This site has not had to find or hire new teachers since December.					
45. Since December, has your site experienced any of the following challenges when to work with children age 0-5? <i>Mark one response per line. If this site has not had to December, skip this question.</i>					
	No	Yes	Don't know		
There were too few or no applicants.	0	0	0		
Applicants were not qualified for the position (e.g., lacked needed education/training, no experience).	0	0	О		
Applicants did not attend scheduled interview.	0	0	0		
Applicants turned down the job because pay/benefits were not sufficient.	0	0	О		
46. Some sites have to make operational changes to address staffing challenges. Since paying, and retaining teachers of children age 0-5 led to any of the following at your			ponse per line.		
	No	Yes	Don't know		
Serving fewer children and/or turning families away	0	0	0		
Reducing the number of classes or classrooms at this site	0	0	0		
Hiring an applicant who has less experience and/or qualifications than desired	0	0	0		
Asking current staff to work more hours and/or take on additional duties	Ο	0	0		
Raising wages for teachers	0	0	0		
Providing hiring bonuses	0	0	0		

Giving bonuses to current teachers

Improving health benefits (i.e., health insurance)

Other (please explain): _____

Increasing paid time off

Offering staff appreciation gifts or events (e.g., meals, gift cards)

44. Trying to find and hire new teachers when there are openings can be challenging. Since December, how challenging

47. Since December, about how many families hav retaining teachers?	re you had to t	turn away beca	use of difficulti	es hiring, ¡	oaying, and	
O 1 or 2 families						
O 3 to 10 families						
O 11 to 20 families						
O More than 20 families						
O Not applicable: We have not had to turn fa	amilies away.					
	,					
48. In the 2022-2023 academic year, have any tead RecognizeB5?	chers at your s	site been eligib	le to receive pa	yments fro	om	
O No – If you answer "No," please skip to qu	uestion #51.					
O Yes						
O Don't know						
49. As far as you know, how much has RecognizeB line.	5 impacted th	e following thi	ngs at your site	? Mark on	e response p	er_
	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very much	Don't know	_
Teachers' decision to start working at your site	0	0	0	Ο	0	
Teachers' decision to $\underline{\text{keep}}$ working at your site	0	0	0	Ο	0	
Teachers' sense of being appreciated	0	0	0	0	0	
Teachers' ability to meet their financial needs	0	0	0	Ο	0	
Teachers' stress levels	0	0	0	0	0	
50. How has RecognizeB5 impacted your site?						-
51. Please describe any strategies or investments y 0-5, reduce turnover, or recruit new staff.	your site has n	nade since Dec	ember to retair	n teachers	of children	age

JOB SATISFACTION AND WELLBEING

Working with young children can be both rewarding and challenging. Supporting young children's learning requires supporting educators' wellbeing as well. These questions ask about you and your current work with young children. There are no right or wrong answers.

52. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements. Mark one response per line.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
My work at this site is important.	0	Ο	0	0	0
I really enjoy my present job.	0	0	0	0	0
I feel I am making a significant difference in the lives of children.	0	Ο	Ο	0	0
If I could start over, I would choose being an educator again as my career.	0	0	0	0	0
I am optimistic about the future of my site.	0	Ο	0	0	0

53. Please indicate how often you have felt this way during the past week. Mark one response per line.

	Rarely or never	Some or a little	Occasionally or moderately	Most or all of the time	Don't know
I did not feel like eating, my appetite was poor.	0	0	0	0	0
I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing.	0	0	0	0	0
I felt depressed.	0	0	Ο	0	0
That everything I did was an effort.	0	0	0	0	0
My sleep was restless.	0	0	Ο	0	0
I felt sad.	0	0	0	0	0
I could not "get going."	0	0	0	0	0

SALARY AND BENEFITS

One common challenge for early childhood educators is making ends meet. This section asks you about the salary you receive from your site and your overall financial security.

54. Overall, how many hours do you typically work for this site each week? Please count all hours you work, including paid and unpaid hours. Your best guess is fine. Please enter a number.

55. About how much are you paid at this site (before taxes)? You can answer either about your hourly wage or about your annual salary, whichever is easier. *Please mark only one* option from the table below. Your best estimate is fine.

My hourly wage is		<u>OR</u>	My annual salary is	
Less than \$10.00 per hour	0		Less than \$24,999 per year	0
Between \$10.00 and \$12.49 per hour	0		Between \$25,000 and \$34,999 per year	0
Between \$12.50 and \$14.99 per hour	0		Between \$35,000 and \$44,999 per year	0
Between \$15.00 and \$17.49 per hour	Ο		Between \$45,000 and \$54,999 per year	0
Between \$17.50 and \$19.99 per hour	0		Between \$55,000 and \$64,999 per year	0
Between \$20.00 and \$22.49 per hour	0		Between \$65,000 and \$74,999 per year	0
Between \$22.50 and \$24.99 per hour	0		Between \$75,000 and \$99,999 per year	0
Between \$25.00 and \$27.49 per hour	0		Between \$100,000 and \$149,999 per year	0
More than \$27.50 per hour	0		More than \$150,000 per year	0

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O Between \$25,000 and \$34,999 per year

O Between \$35,000 and \$44,999 per year

O Between \$45,000 and \$54,999 per year

O Between \$55,000 and \$64,999 per year

O Between \$65,000 and \$74,999 per year

O Between \$75,000 and \$99,999 per year

O Between \$100,000 and \$149,999 per year

O More than \$150,000 per year

57. Please indicate how often you have felt this way during the past three months. Mark one response per line.

	Rarely or never	Some or a little	Occasionally or moderately	Most or all of the time	Don't know
I worry I will run out of money before I am paid again.	0	0	0	0	0
I am unable to sleep well because of financial worries.	0	0	0	0	0
I make purchases on credit cards hoping that I will have the money later.	0	0	0	0	0
Many of my bills are past due.	0	0	0	0	0

58. Do you currently have healthcare benefits from any of the	tollowing s	sources? M	ark all that appl	y.
☐ No				
Yes, through my site				
Yes, through another employer				
Yes, through my spouse's policy				
☐ Yes, through Medicare/Medicaid				
Yes, through my parents' insurance				
Yes, through the Affordable Care Act/"Obamacare"				
Other (please specify):				
59. Which of the following benefits are available to you at this	site? Mark	one respo	nse per line.	
	No	Yes	Don't know	-
Paid sick leave	0	0	0	
Paid maternity or family leave	0	0	0	
Fully or partially paid health insurance	0	0	0	
Professional development reimbursement	0	0	0	
Free or reduced-price child care for children of employees	0	0	0	
Retirement plan	0	0	0	
Other (please specify):	0	0	0	-
ABOUT YOU (DEMOGRAPHICS) This final section is about you, your experiences, and your education is about you.	cation. As c	reminder,	you may skip ar	ny items you do
not wish to answer.				
60. In what year were you born?				
CA Miles Communication 2				
61. What is your gender? O Female				
O Male				
O Write in:				
62. What is the best description of your race/ethnicity? <i>Mark o</i>	all that app	oly.		
American Indian or Alaskan Native				
☐ Asian				
☐ Black				
Hispanic				
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander				
山 White				
Other (please specify):				

63. Are	you fluent in any language(s) other than English? Mark all that apply.
	No
	Yes, Spanish
	Yes, Vietnamese
	Yes, Arabic
	Other (please specify):
64. How <i>"0."</i>	many people in the following age ranges live in your household? Please enter numbers. If none, write
	5 or younger
	Between 6 and 17
	18 or older (include yourself)
_	you currently married or living with a partner? No Yes
0	rou hold a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential? No No, but I am currently working towards a CDA. Yes, I hold a CDA.
67. Wha	at is the <u>highest level</u> of education you have completed?
0	Less than high school/no GED (General Education Diploma)
0	A high school diploma or GED (General Education Diploma)
Ο	Some college, but no degree
0	An associate's degree (A.A.)
Ο	A bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.)
0	Some graduate work but no degree
0	A graduate degree (M.A. or M.S.)
0	A graduate degree beyond a master's (Ph.D. or Ed.D.)
	nk you for taking the time to participate in this survey, and for sharing your experiences with us. Below, please any additional comments about you, your work, and your experiences working with young children.

You have completed the survey. Thank you! Please follow the instructions in the packet to mail back your survey in order to receive a \$20 Walmart gift card.