# VIRGINIA EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE SURVEY: FAMILY DAY HOME

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The following questions ask for your full name and contact information. Please be sure the information you provide is accurate. We will use it to email you a **\$30 gift card** after we receive your finished 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.

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1. Plea	se provide your full name and email address.
	First Name:
	Last Name:
	Maiden Name (if applicable):
	Primary Email Address:
	Alternative Email Address:
YOU A	ND YOUR FAMILY DAY HOME
The for survey in a ho	llowing questions ask you to provide general information about yourself and your site. Throughout the we define "site" as your Licensed Family Day Home. A Family Day Home is an early childhood program me (typically, the home of a caregiver, early childhood educator, or teacher). Family Day Homes are simes referred to as "Family Child Care Homes" or "Home-Based Child Care."
most r	ch best describes your role at this site? If you are no longer working there, please mark the role that you had ecently at the site.  Owner / Director / Site Leader  Employee / Staff / Teacher / Assistant Teacher
_	Other (please explain):
3. Do y	ou still serve children as a licensed family day home provider?
Ο	Yes, I am still serving children as a licensed family day home provider.
Ο	No, I am no longer serving children as a licensed family day provider.



If you are **still serving children** as a family day home provider, **please continue with question #4 below**.

If you are <u>no longer</u> serving children as a family day home provider, please skip to question #57 on page 12 and then continue through the rest of the survey.

<ul><li>O No – If you answer "No," please skip to question #</li><li>O Yes</li></ul>	<b>6.</b>
5. Other than you, how many teachers / staff members wo	rk for pay at this site? Please write a number.
CHILDREN SERVED  The section asks questions about enrollment at your site. E and/or on your site's roster.	Enrollment refers to children who are registered
6. How many children are currently enrolled at this site? Pl	ease write a number.
7. Of the children enrolled, how many are in each of the fo Your best estimate is fine. Please write numbers. If none, w	rite "0."
	# of children
Infants (0-15 months old)	
Toddlers (16-35 months old)	
3-year-olds	
4- or 5-year-olds not yet in kindergarten School-age children kindergarten and up	
8. Are any of the children you regularly teach and care for and nephews, grandchildren?  O No O Yes, number of children:  The following items ask about the children enrolled in you kindergarten. If you serve school-age children, in kindergaresponses.	r program who are <b>age 0-5 who are not yet enrolled in</b>
9. Of the children <u>age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten)</u> enre Your best estimate is fine. Please write numbers. If none, w	rite "0."
	# of children
American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-Hispanic	
Asian, non-Hispanic	
Black, non-Hispanic	
Hispanic, regardless of race	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	
White, non-Hispanic	
Multiracial/other	
Don't know	

4. Are there any other teachers / staff members who work for pay at this site?

10. As far as you know, how many of the children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten) have <b>diagnosed medical disabilities</b> ? By diagnosed medical disabilities we mean a diagnosed physical disability, chronic illness, or medical problem. <i>Please write a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."</i>
11. As far as you know, how many of the children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten) have <b>diagnosed learning disabilities</b> ? By diagnosed, we mean they have an IFSP or IEP. <i>Please write a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."</i>
<del></del>
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 write a number. If none, write "0." If you don't know, write "don't know."
13. 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
<ul> <li>14. In some Virginia communities, early childhood leaders are working to help sites fill slots and help families find slots. In your community, is there such a collaborative effort?</li> <li>O No – If you answer "No," please skip to question #16.</li> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O Don't know – If you answer "Don't know," please skip to question #16.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>15. Have efforts to coordinate enrollment in your community helped you maintain or expand your enrollment?</li> <li>O Not at all</li> <li>O A little</li> <li>O Moderately</li> <li>O Very much</li> <li>O Not applicable: We have not faced challenges with enrollment.</li> </ul>
16. What 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 the interactions you have with the children you teach and care for at your site. It also 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.

17. 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	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	0	0	0	0
Ensuring high quality teacher-child interactions is a priority for my site.	0	0	0	Ο	0	0
The CLASS is a good way to measure the quality of teachers' interactions with children.	0	0	0	Ο	0	0
I believe the CLASS is improving my teaching practice.	0	0	0	0	0	0

my teaching practice.	
<ul> <li>18. Have you ever attended a training that introduced you to the CLASS observation tool?</li> <li>O No</li> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O Don't know</li> </ul>	
19. Since August, how often has someone observed your classroom using the CLASS tool?  O Never O Once O Twice O Three or more times O Don't know	
O No O Yes, once O Yes, two times O Yes, three or more times	
21. Since August, how would you describe the amount of feedback you have received on your teaching?  O Not enough O About right O Too much	

22. To what extent do you feel you know how to improve your CLASS scores?	
O Not at all	
O A little bit	
O Moderately	
O Very much	
23. What particular supports would help you improve your CLASS scores?	
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<b>YOUR TEACHING, CURRICULA, AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORTS</b> The next set of questions is about curricula and professional supports. Please think of the teaching activities you	,
have done since August with children age 0-5 (but not yet in kindergarten).	
24. At some early childhood sites, teachers use a curriculum to guide their teaching. Since August, how often ha	ıve
you used a curriculum to plan lessons or activities for the children you teach?	
O Never – If you answer "Never," please skip to question #30.	
O Rarely	
O Occasionally	
O Regularly (i.e., every day or every week)	
25. How long have you been using your current curriculum? <i>If you use more than one, please think of the one youse most often.</i>	วน
O Less than 1 year	
O Between 1 and 3 years	
O 3 years or longer	
26. When you use this curriculum, which best describes the way you use it?	
O I follow the lesson plans and activities exactly as suggested.	
O I follow the lesson plans and activities closely but make small changes.	
O I loosely follow the curriculum, picking and choosing components to use.	
O I use the curriculum to get new ideas.	
O Other (please specify):	

27. Which best describes the curriculum you have used most since August?
O I use a curriculum developed by an external organization or company (e.g., Creative Curriculum, Frog Street).
O I use a curriculum developed in my district or community.
O I use a curriculum developed by me or others at my site.
O Other (please specify):
28. Have you ever received any of the following types of training on how to use this curriculum? <i>Mark all that apply</i> .
One brief, introductory training on this curriculum (3 hours or less)
An in-depth training on this curriculum (half day or longer)
☐ Multiple training sessions on this curriculum
☐ Individualized coaching related to this curriculum
☐ Other (please specify):
☐ None of the above
<ul> <li>29. Since August, how useful has this curriculum been in helping support children's learning?</li> <li>O Not useful</li> <li>O Somewhat useful</li> <li>O Very useful</li> </ul>
30. What particular supports would help you use curricula?
The following questions ask about professional development. Professional development opportunities are experiences designed to support your teaching practice, including courses, workshops, professional learning communities, and coaching/mentoring experiences.
<ul> <li>31. Since August, have you received any professional development, either in person or virtually?</li> <li>O No</li> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O Don't know</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>32. In some sites, teachers have access to a formal coach or mentor. Since August, have you received any coachin or mentoring?</li> <li>O No</li> <li>O Yes</li> </ul>

	Too little	The right amount	Too much
Overall (all professional development)	0	0	0
Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	0	0	0
Curricula	0	0	0
Developing children's social-emotional skills	0	0	0
Preventing and addressing children's challenging behaviors	0	0	0
<ul> <li>O Not at all useful</li> <li>O A little bit useful</li> <li>O Moderately useful</li> <li>O Very useful</li> <li>O Not applicable: I have not received any professional dev</li> </ul> The following questions ask about your experiences caring for any professional dev	·	_	navioral
35. About how many of the children age 0-5 (but not yet in kind emotional or behavioral challenges? Please write a number. If n know."			
<ul> <li>36. How equipped do you feel to care for children with significant</li> <li>O Not at all</li> <li>O A little bit</li> <li>O Somewhat</li> <li>O Very</li> </ul>	nt social-emot	ional or behavioral cha	allenges?
O Not at all O A little bit O Somewhat	rked with wer	e asked to leave the si	te due to

### 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.

39. How likely is it that you will continue working at your site? Please rate how likely you find each of the following statements. *Mark one response per line*.

	Not likely	A little bit likely	Moderately likely	Very likely
Thinking ahead to three months from now, I will be teaching and caring for children at this site.	0	О	0	0
Thinking ahead to <u>one year from now</u> , I will be teaching and caring for children at this site.	0	0	0	0
Thinking ahead to three years from now, I will be teaching and caring for children at this site.	0	0	0	0

40. To wh	at extent do	you agree with	the following stater	nent: I view b	peing an early	childhood (	educator (	e.g.,
teacher, le	eader) as my	long-term care	er.					

O	Strongly	disagree
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O Disagree

O Neither disagree nor agree

O Agree

O Strongly agree

41. Think about your position at your site. How satisfied are you with each of the following? *Mark one response per line.* 

	Not at all satisfied	A little bit satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
The job overall	0	0	0	0
Interactions with the children	0	0	Ο	0
Interactions with teachers and staff at site – <b>Skip if</b> you do not have teachers / staff	Ο	0	0	0
The pay	О	О	О	0
The benefits	0	0	0	0

42. Please rate how often the following statements are true for you. Mark one response per line.

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	Never	Rarely	Usually	Always		
I am able to take short breaks from the classroom (e.g., to go to the restroom) as needed.	0	0	0	0		
I am able to take time off as needed (e.g. sick day, appointment, vacation).	0	0	0	0		

43. 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
Teaching children in this age group is very satisfying.	0	0	0	0	0
Attending to the many needs of children in my classroom is overwhelming.	0	0	0	0	Ο
I can generally deal successfully with behavior problems.	0	0	0	0	Ο
I feel I can get through to all children, even the ones with the most challenges.	0	0	0	0	0
The number of children I am caring for feels too high.	0	0	0	0	0
Most of the parents of the children respect and support the things I do.	0	0	0	0	0
There are more demands made of early educators than when I started teaching.	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

### **EARNINGS AND BENEFITS**

One common challenge for early childhood educators is making ends meet. This section asks you about your earnings and overall financial security.

45. Many child care sites struggle to make ends meet. Thinking about the past year, has your site lost money,
broken even, or made a profit?
O Lost money (took in less than we spent)
O Broke even (took in about as much as we spent)
O Made a profit (took in more than we spent)
O I don't know

46. Over the past year, about how much inconchildren in this site? <i>Your best estimate is fine.</i>	-		s) for teaching and	caring fo	young
	\$				
47. Overall, how many <b>hours</b> did you work at y and unpaid hours. Your best guess is fine. Plea			ount all hours you v	worked, <u>i</u>	ncluding paid
48. Please indicate how much you disagree or		following sta		response	
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
The amount of earnings I make doing this work feels fair.	0	0	0	0	0
The amount of earnings is making me consider other jobs.	0	0	0	0	0
The amount of earnings is increasing my stress.	0	0	0	0	О
50. Do you work for pay in addition to your po O No O Yes	sition at this sit	te?			
O Less than \$15,000 per year O Between \$15,000 and \$24,999 per year 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	r r r r r	efore taxes) f	rom all sources. <i>M</i> o	ark one.	

52. Read the three statements below. In the **past three months**, how true was each statement below for you or members of your household? *Mark one response per line*.

	Never	Sometimes	Often
	true	true	true
I/we have worried that my/our food might run out before I/we have money to get more.	0	0	0
The food that I/we bought just didn't last, and I/we didn't have the money to get more.	0	0	0
I/we couldn't afford balanced meals.	0	0	0

53. 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	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.	O	О	O	O	O
I am unable to sleep well because of financial worries.	0	0	0	О	0
I make purchases on credit cards hoping that I will have the money later.	0	0	0	О	0
Many of my bills are past due.	0	0	0	0	0

54. In the past three months, have you had enough money to pay for: Mark one response per line.

	No	Yes	Not applicable
Education debt (e.g., student loans)	0	0	0
Other debt	0	0	0
Medical needs	0	0	0
Mortgage/rent/utilities	0	0	0
Transportation (e.g., bus pass, car maintenance, gas)	0	0	0
Child care needs	0	0	0
Unexpected events or emergencies	0	0	0

assistance? Mark all that apply. If you have not received any, mark "None."
☐ Child care subsidy (CCSP)
☐ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)/VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare)
☐ WIC (Women, Infants & Children nutrition service)
☐ SNAP (food stamps)
☐ Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/FAMIS
Meals from the school lunch or school breakfast program
Food from a food bank, food pantry, or other community organization
☐ Medicaid
☐ Subsidized housing/Section 8 housing
☐ Unemployment
☐ Disability, e.g., SSI (Supplemental Security Income) or SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)
☐ EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)
Other (please specify):
☐ None: I/we have not received any of these supports.
56. Do you currently have healthcare benefits from any of the following sources? <i>Mark all that apply.</i>
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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):
These next questions are about RecognizeB5, which distributes payments to eligible teachers working with children age 0-5, not yet in kindergarten.
57. Some teachers participating in VQB5 received payments as part of RecognizeB5. Have you heard of RecognizeB5?
O No
O Yes
O Don't know
58. Since December, have you received a payment as part of RecognizeB5?  O No O Yes O Don't know

59. Did you know you need to keep serving children at your family day home in order to remain eligible for
RecognizeB5?
O No
O Yes
O Don't know
60. What parts of RecognizeB5 are unclear to you, if any?



If you did <u>not</u> receive a payment through RecognizeB5 this year, please skip to question #66.

If you **did receive** a payment through RecognizeB5 this year, **please continue with question #61** below.

61. Overall, how much does receiving the payment(s) through RecognizeB5... Mark one response per line.

	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very much	Not applicable
Make you feel happy	0	0	0	0	0
Help you meet your financial needs	0	0	О	О	0
Make you feel like your hard work is valued	0	0	0	0	О
Reduce some of your stress	0	0	0	Ο	0
Make you more excited about the work you do	0	0	0	0	0

62. Teachers can use the money they received through RecognizeB5 however they wish. Think about the way you used the money you received through RecognizeB5. Did the payment(s) help with any of the following expenses? Mark one response per line.

	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very much	Not applicable
Personal or family needs (e.g., housing, food, bills, household supplies)	0	0	0	0	0
Paying off debts (e.g., student loans, credit card debt)	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	О
Addressing emergency needs (e.g., medical needs, car or home repairs, etc.)	0	Ο	0	0	0
Saving money (e.g., for retirement, for emergencies, etc.)	0	0	0	0	О
Materials for your family day home	0	0	0	0	0
Your own professional development or education	0	0	0	O	О
Rewards or treats (e.g., taking vacation or breaks, movies, concerts)	0	0	0	0	0

63. How much do you disagree or agree with the following statement? RecognizeB5 led me to keep serving

children at my site longer than I might have otherwise.

O Strongly disagree

O Neither disagree nor agree

How much you feel your hard work is valued

O Disagree

Your stress level

for you and your family?

<ul><li>O Agree</li><li>O Strongly agree</li></ul>					
64. If the RecognizeB5 payment amount were significantly reduced in future years, how much would that impact <i>Mark one response per line.</i>					
	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very much	Not applicable
Your decision to keep working at your site	0	0	0	0	0
Your ability to meet your financial needs	0	0	0	0	0

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65. Is there anything you would like to share about what RecognizeB5 meant to you, or the ways it has been helpful

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### **ABOUT YOU (DEMOGRAPHICS)**

This final section is about you, your experiences, and your education. As a reminder, you may skip any items you do not wish to answer. 66. In what year were you born? 67. Are you fluent in any language(s) other than English? Mark all that apply. ☐ No ☐ Yes, Spanish ☐ Yes, Vietnamese ☐ Yes, Arabic Other (please specify): 68. How many people in the following age ranges live in your household? Please write numbers. If none, write "0." 5 or younger Between 6 and 17 18 or older (include yourself) 69. Are you currently married or living with a partner? O No O Yes 70. Do you hold a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential? O No O No, but I am currently working towards a CDA. O Yes, I hold a CDA. 71. What is the highest level of education you have completed? O Less than high school/no GED (General Education Diploma) O A high school diploma or GED (General Education Diploma) O Some college, but no degree O An associate's degree (A.A.) O A bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) O Some graduate work but no degree O A graduate degree (M.A. or M.S.) O A graduate degree beyond a master's (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) 72. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey, and for sharing your experiences with us. Below, please provide any additional comments about you, your work, and your experiences working with young children.