Study of Early Education in Louisiana Spring 2022 Teacher Survey

GENERAL INFORMATION

This survey is a part of the Study of Early Education in Louisiana (SEELA). The goal of the study is to better understand the experiences and wellbeing of child care teachers and leaders in Louisiana. **All information you provide will be kept confidential.** Please note, the research team may link your responses to this survey to previous SEELA surveys and other administrative data. All survey findings will be reported in the aggregate, and your individual responses will never be released to anyone in your site, parish, or elsewhere.

The following questions ask for your full name and email address. Please be sure the information you provide is accurate. We will use it to email you a \$30 Walmart gift card about 2 business days after we receive your finished survey.

Please provide your full name and email address.
First Name:
Last Name:
Maiden Name (if applicable):
Email Address:
YOU AND YOUR SITE
This section asks about your current employment in early childhood education.
Do you currently work at a child care site in Louisiana?
O No /If no, exited from survey]
O Yes
In what parish is your site located?
O Jefferson
O Orleans
Other [If other, exited from survey]
In your work at this site, do you directly teach or care for children age 0-5 who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten?
O No
O Yes
[If no]: Are you currently employed in a leadership position at a child care site in Louisiana?
O No [If no, exited from survey]
O Yes [If yes, directed to leader survey]
Please enter the name of your site.

What is your site's address?
Street Address:
ZIP Code:
Which of these titles best describes your position?
O Teacher/Lead Teacher/Teacher of Record
O Co-Teacher
O Teacher and Site Leader/Director
O Assistant Teacher/Teacher Aide/Paraprofessional
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O Floater
Other (please explain):
For about how long have you worked for pay
At this site in any role? [dropdown 0-2 months – 30 or more years]
As an early childhood educator (in any role and at any site, including this one)? [dropdown
0-2 months – 30 or more years]
CHILDREN SERVED [for lead teachers, co-teachers, and teacher/leaders only] The following questions are about the group of children you teach or care for on a regular basis.
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How many children do you currently teach or care for at your site? [dropdown 1 – more than 100]
How many of the [number piped in from above] children you teach or care for are in each of the following age groups?
Please count each child only once and enter 0 if you do not teach any children in a given age group.
of children Infants under 12 months
1-year-olds
2-year-olds
3-year-olds
4-year-olds
5-year-olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten
Children who are enrolled in kindergarten
School-age children 1st grade and up

The following items ask for more information about only the children age 0-5 who are not yet in kindergarten.

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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	
Multiracial/other	
White, non-Hispanic	
Don't know	
illness or medical problem, or a severe social/emotional pro-	diopdown 0 – more than 100]
As far as you know, how many of the [number piped in from a teach or care for are from families who speak a language – more than 100]	
teach or care for are from families who speak a language	bove] children age 0-5 but not yet in kindergarten who you sness? This includes families who share the housing of

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Overall	how would you	describe the	quality of	teacher-child	interactions	tor children	aftending vour	siter

Ο	Poor
0	Fair
0	Satisfactory
0	Good
Ο	Excellent

[lead/co-teachers/leader teachers only]: How often do the children you work with do each of the following activities? Mark one response per line.

	Never	Once a month or less	2 or 3 times a month	Once or twice a week	3 or 4 times a week	Every day
Book reading or story time	О	О	О	О	О	О
Singing and/or rhyming activities	O	О	О	О	О	О
Work on learning the names of letters or letter sounds	О	О	О	О	О	О
Discuss new words	O	O	О	О	O	O
Learn about the conventions of print (such as left to right orientation, book holding)	O	О	О	О	O	О
Practice writing the letters of the alphabet	О	O	О	О	О	О

[lead/co-teachers/leader teachers only]: How often do the children you work with do each of the following activities? Mark one response per line.

	Never	Once a month or less	2 or 3 times a month	Once or twice a week	3 or 4 times a week	Every day
Use music or movement to understand math concepts	О	O	О	О	O	О
Count out loud	O	O	О	О	O	О
Work with counting manipulatives (objects for children to count or sort)	О	О	О	О	О	О
Work with rulers, measuring cups, spoons, or other measuring instruments	О	О	О	О	O	О
Engage in activities that involve shapes and patterns	О	О	О	О	О	О

In some classrooms, children's behavior can pose challenges for teachers and for other children in the room. The next set of questions is about how often there are behavioral challenges in your room and how you deal with those issues.

Think about the <u>past week</u>. How often were there disruptions in your classroom due to children behaving in the following ways? *Mark one response per line*.

	Never	Once or twice	3 or 4 times	Once a day	Multiple times per day
Refusing to cooperate or follow directions	О	О	О	О	О
Acting impulsively or engaging inappropriately in activities	О	О	О	О	О
Hitting, throwing things, pushing, or biting	О	О	О	О	О
Crying, withdrawing, or not wanting to participate	О	O	О	O	О
Name calling, threatening others, or using angry words	О	О	О	О	О

When a child behaves in a way that is disruptive, which of the follow the disruptive behavior? <u>Please mark your top three strategies.</u>	wing strategies d	o you use me	ost often to address			
☐ Talk to the child to help them calm down						
Put the child in a time-out						
Use a designated quiet area for the child to calm down						
☐ Take away toys or other privileges						
Give the child sensory objects to play with (e.g., soft putty,	something to ch	new, fidget ol	bject)			
☐ Teach the child a "calm down" strategy, such as a breathing	g exercise					
☐ Take the child out of the classroom (e.g., to the office, you	r site leader, or a	nother teach	er)			
☐ Use verbal or non-verbal re-direction						
Other (please specify):						
☐ Not applicable						
Since August, have you ever spoken with a family about their child' O No O Yes	s behavior?					
Typically, when you speak to families about their child's behavior, coresponse per line.	lo any of the foll	owing things	s happen? Mark one			
	No	Yes	Not applicable			
Your site leader joins to help with the conversation.	О	О	О			

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORTS

for their child to remain at your site.

language and you do not have a translator).

behavior at home.

The child's family shares strategies that work for managing their child's

The child's family disagrees with your description of the child's behavior.

The child's family is given conditions they would need to meet in order

You experience a language barrier (e.g., the family speaks a different

The following questions ask about professional supports including professional development. Professional development is any experience designed to support your teaching practice, including courses, workshops, professional learning communities, and coaching/mentoring experiences.

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Since **August**, about how many hours of professional development (e.g., training, workshop, coaching) have you received in the following areas? *Your best estimate is fine*.

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	Dropdowns for each
Subject matter instruction (e.g., mathematics, literacy) and/or the use of a specific	w/ # hours (0-40+)
curriculum	
Teacher-child interactions and/or the CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System)	
observation tool Teaching Strategies GOLD or another tool for assessing children	
Supporting children's social emotional needs and/or behavior management in the classroom	 m
Working with children who have special needs	
Thinking about <u>all</u> the professional development you have received since August , how useful your current needs?	ul and relevant was it for
O Not at all useful	
O A little bit useful	
O Moderately useful	
O Very useful	
Difficult to find and/or sign up for professional development Difficult to afford professional development/it costs too much Difficult to adjust my work schedule or to find a substitute to cover my shift Difficult to get to professional development location and/or no transportation Difficult to access needed materials and/or technology (e.g., WiFi, computer, printing Had other family responsibilities (e.g., child care, elder care) Felt too tired or stressed to attend professional development Other (please explain):	
☐ Not applicable: I have not experienced challenges related to professional developme	ent since August.
Sites provide various supports for teachers and staff. The following questions ask you about teacher supports	at your site.
Does your site provide any of the following supports? Mark one response per line.	
N	No Yes

	No	Yes
Paid time for planning (outside of the time when you are working directly with children)	О	О
Enough staff to cover when a teacher takes a day off	O	O
A designated break room or staff room	О	O
Other work supports (please describe):	О	O

Teachers sometimes need to step out of the classroom for various reasons (e.g., bathroom breaks, etc.). At your site,
how hard is it for you to step out for short breaks?
O Not at all hard
O A little bit hard
O Very hard
Are there ways that your site could better support teachers in getting the professional development or professional supports they need?

YOUR PAY AND BENEFITS AT YOUR SITE

One common challenge for early childhood educators is making ends meet. This section asks you about your wages and any additional money you may have received from your site since **December 2021**.

About how much are you paid, per hour, for teaching or caring for children at this site (before taxes)? Your best estimate is fine. [dropdown from less than \$7.50 to \$25 per hour; \$0.25 increments]

How many hours did you work for your site last week? *Please count all hours you worked, including <u>paid and unpaid hours.</u>

Your best estimate is fine. [dropdown 0-80 or more hours]*

Of the hours you worked last week, about how many hours were <u>unpaid</u>? Your best estimate is fine. [dropdown 0-80 or more hours]

Which of the following benefits are available to you at this site? Mark one response per line.

	No	Yes	Don't know
Paid sick leave	О	O	О
Paid maternity or family leave	O	O	О
Fully or partially paid health insurance	О	O	О
Free or reduced-price child care for your children	O	O	О
Retirement plan	О	O	О
Paid leave when the site is closed (e.g., holidays, weather closures)	O	O	О
Other (please explain):	О	О	О

Since December, has your compensation increased in either of the following ways? Mark one response per line.

	No	Yes	Don't know
A raise or increase to my regular pay	О	О	О
A bonus, stipend, or additional lumpsum payment	О	О	О

[If yes, received a pay raise]: About how much did your hourly wage <u>increase</u> a result of your raise? Your best estimate is fine. [dropdown; 10 cent increments up to \$1.50, then 25 cent increments up to \$5.00 per hour, more than \$5.00 per hour]

[If yes, received bonuses, stipends, or additional lumpsum payments]: About how much have you received in bonuses, stipends, or additional lumpsum payments from your site since December? Your best estimate is fine. Please enter a dollar amount in
numerals only. \$
To what extent does the compensation you receive at your site <u>negatively</u> impact the following things? Mark one

	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very much
Your decision to keep working at your site	О	О	О	О
Your sense of being appreciated	O	O	O	O
Your ability to meet your financial needs	O	O	O	O
Your stress levels	O	O	О	O

For some early educators, low compensation levels create professional and personal challenges. What challenges, if any, is your current compensation creating for you?	
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[If indicated pay raise or bonus]: What did receiving a pay raise and/or bonus mean to you?	
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LEADERSHIP AND STAFFING AT YOUR SITE

response per line.

This next set of questions is about your site's leader (e.g., site director, owner) and about issues related to staffing at your site.

Think about your experiences with your site leader(s) since December. 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
I feel respected by the site leader.	0	0	Ö	0	0
I feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to me with the site leader.	0	0	0	0	0
The site leader is committed to creating an anti-racist learning environment for the children we serve.	0	0	0	0	0
The site leader supports teachers' efforts to manage challenging behavior.	0	0	Ο	0	0
I trust the site leader to do what they say they will do.	0	0	0	0	0
The site leader supports the professional development of staff.	0	0	0	0	0
The site leader communicates a clear vision for this site.	0	0	0	0	0

Many child care sites are struggling with staffing (e.g., teachers leaving, vacancies), which can make it difficult to serve children. The next few items ask about staffing challenges at your site.

Please indicate how much you agree with the following statement: Since December, there have been enough teacher
and other adults working at this site.
O Strongly disagree
O Disagree
O Neither disagree nor agree
O Agree
O Strongly agree
Since December, how worried have you been that staffing issues at your site (e.g., teachers leaving, vacancies) are negatively affecting children ?
O Not at all worried
O A little worried
O Moderately worried
O Very worried
Since December, how worried have you been that staffing issues at your site (e.g., teachers leaving, vacancies) are negatively affecting you and other teachers still working at your site?
O Not at all worried
O A little worried
O Moderately worried
O Very worried
How have staffing challenges at your site, if any, impacted you and your work?

JOB SATISFACTION AND WELLBEING

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

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

	Not at all	A little bit	Somewhat	Very
	satisfied	satisfied	satisfied	satisfied
The job overall	О	О	О	О
Interactions with the site leaders	O	O	O	O
Interactions with other teachers and staff	О	O	O	O
The professional development/training opportunities	О	О	O	О
The pay	О	O	O	О
The benefits	О	O	O	O
The convenience (e.g., location, hours)	О	O	O	О
The site's goals and priorities	O	O	O	О

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 working at this site.	О	О	О	О
Thinking ahead to <u>one year from now</u> , I will be working at this site.	О	О	О	О
Thinking ahead to three years from now, I will be working at this site.	О	О	О	О

Please indicate how much you agree with the following statement: I view being an early childhood educator (e.g., teacher, leader) as my long-term career.

O St	rongly o	disagree
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O Disagree

O Neither disagree nor agree

O Agree

O Strongly agree

Working with young children can be challenging. Thinking back to the <u>past week</u>, please indicate how often you felt the following ways. *Mark one response per line*.

	Rarely or never	Some or a little	Occasionally or moderately	Most or all of the time	Don't know
The children I work with have behavioral problems that are hard to deal with.	0	0	0	0	0
There are major sources of stress in the children's lives that I can't do anything about.	0	0	0	0	0
Attending to the many needs of children in my classroom is overwhelming.	0	0	Ο	0	0
My classroom becomes so noisy that I feel very irritated.	0	0	0	0	0
I am unable to get the children to do what I want.	0	0	Ο	0	0
The number of children I am caring for feels too high.	0	Ο	0	0	0
Doing my job well requires a lot of preparation outside of the paid work day.	0	0	0	0	Ο
I often have to juggle teaching the children and doing other tasks at the same time.	0	0	0	0	0

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.	О	О	О	О	О
I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing.	О	О	О	О	О
I felt depressed.	О	О	O	О	О
That everything I did was an effort.	O	O	O	О	O
My sleep was restless.	О	О	O	О	О
I felt sad.	O	О	О	О	О
I could not "get going."	О	О	О	О	О

ABOUT YOU
This final section is ahout you, your experiences, and your education. As a reminder, you may skip any items you do not wish to answer.
In what year were you born? [dropdown 2006-1930]
What is your gender?
O Female
O Male
O Write-in:
What is the best description of your race/ethnicity? <i>Mark all that apply</i> .

0	Female
0	Male
0	Write-in:
What is	the best description of your race/ethnicity? Mark all that apply.
	American Indian or Alaskan Native
	Asian
	Black
	Hispanic, regardless of race
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
	White
	Other (please specify):
Are you	fluent in any language(s) other than English? Mark all that apply.
	No
	Yes, Spanish
	Yes, Vietnamese
	Yes, Arabic
	Other (please specify):

How m	any people in the following	age ranges live in your household? If none, please enter 0.
5 o	r younger	[dropdown 0-more than 20]
Between 6 and 17		[dropdown 0-more than 20]
18 or older (include yourself)		[dropdown 0-more than 20]
Are you	currently married or living	with a partner?
0	No	
0	Yes	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Estimate your total household Less than \$15,000 per year Between \$15,000 and \$24,9 Between \$25,000 and \$34,9 Between \$35,000 and \$44,9 Between \$45,000 and \$54,9 Between \$55,000 and \$64,9 Between \$65,000 and \$74,9 Between \$75,000 and \$99,9 Between \$100,000 and \$149	99 per year
0	More than \$150,000 per year	ur
How di	fficult is it for you to live on	your household income right now?
0	Not at all difficult	
0	Somewhat difficult	
0	Very difficult	
0	Extremely difficult	
0	work for pay in addition to No Yes	your position at this site?

Read the three statements below. In the <u>past three months</u>, how true was each statement 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.	О	О	О
The food that I/we bought just didn't last, and I/we didn't have the money to get more.	О	О	О
I/we couldn't afford balanced meals.	О	O	O

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)	О	О	О
Other debt	O	O	О
Medical needs	О	O	О
Mortgage/rent/utilities	O	O	О
Transportation (e.g., bus pass, car maintenance, gas)	О	O	О
Child care needs	O	O	О
Unexpected events or emergencies	О	О	О

In the <u>past three months</u>, have you or someone in your household received any of the following forms of assistance? *Mark all that apply. If you have not received any, mark "None."*

☐ Child care subsidy (CCAP)
☐ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FITAP
☐ WIC (Women, Infants, & Children nutrition service)
☐ SNAP (food stamps)
☐ 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)
☐ Payments or housing assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
☐ Other (please explain):
☐ None. I/we have not received any of these supports.

Do you currently have healthcare benefits from any of the following sources? Mark all that apply.
□ 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 explain):
What is the <u>highest level</u> 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.)
Some early childhood educators hold a credential such as a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or an Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC).
Which of the following best describes your current credential status?
O I hold both a CDA and an ECAC.
O I hold a CDA.
O I hold an ECAC.
O I am currently enrolled in a CDA or ECAC program and working towards my credential.
O I started a CDA or ECAC program but left the program before I received a credential.
O I do not have a CDA or an ECAC.
O I don't know.
[If you hold an ECAC]: Through which pathway did you earn your ECAC?
O I hold a bachelor's degree.
O I hold an associate's degree in a field related to early childhood education.
O I earned a CDA credential prior to July 1, 2018.
O I completed a BESE-approved ECAC program.

The following questions ask about School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC). The School Readiness Tax Credits are refundable credits that are provided to teachers and directors working at Type III child care centers in Louisiana who meet certain requirements, including being enrolled in Louisiana Pathways or having earned an ECAC (Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate). *Mark one response per line*.

	No	Yes	Don't know
Are you aware of School Readiness Tax Credits?	O	О	О
Have you ever applied for a School Readiness Tax Credit?	O	O	О
Have you ever received a School Readiness Tax Credit?	O	O	О

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.	

Thank you for completing the Spring 2022 SEELA Teacher Survey! We will email your \$30 Walmart Gift Card within about two business days. If you have any questions, please contact Kennedy Weisner by email (seela@virginia.edu) or phone (434-297-9383).