



## Family Outcomes Surveys

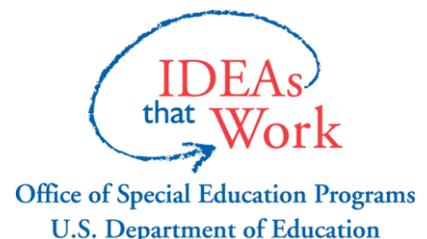
The original Family Outcomes Survey (FOS) was developed and validated by the Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) Center to assess five family outcomes and the helpfulness of early intervention. There were multiple versions of the original Family Outcomes Survey, some for parents of young children with special needs and some for parents of all young children.

In 2010, upon request from states, the ECO Center developed an updated version of the FOS for Part C programs. The Family Outcomes Survey-Revised (FOS-R): Part C was designed to better assist Part C programs in measuring family outcomes and determining the helpfulness of early intervention programs for federal reporting and program improvement purposes. The core concepts in the FOS-R remain the same as in the original FOS, with the addition of more detailed information to guide program improvement activities and a modified survey format. Both the original and revised versions have been translated into Spanish as well as additional languages. Special thanks to our colleagues in Texas, Minnesota, and Washington for assisting with these translations. The ECTA Center supports the use of both the FOS (2006) and FOS-R (2010). These tools have been tested to ensure sound psychometric integrity that can be used to document family outcomes and identify areas for program improvement. If a state would like to adapt these surveys, we encourage you to reach out to staff and the ECTA Center to discuss potential adaptations and implications for producing reliable and valid data.

For more information on the FOS, visit  
<https://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/familysurveys.asp>

Please contact staff at the ECTA Center if you wish to adapt the survey:  
<https://ectacenter.org/about/contact.asp>

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# Family Outcomes Survey

## Preschool General Version

The Family Outcomes Survey is designed to provide a way for you to describe your family and the ways you support your child's needs.

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### Instructions:

- This survey should be filled out by the person in your family who has the most knowledge about your child's education and development.
- All of the responses include the word "we" or "our." This refers to your family. Usually this means parents and others who support and care for your child. But every family is different, so think of what "family" means to you when answering.
- On every page, you will be asked to answer questions like the example below:

*How much does your family know about dinosaurs?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We know a <b>little</b> about dinosaurs		We know <b>some</b> about dinosaurs		We know a <b>good amount</b> about dinosaurs		We know a <b>great deal</b> about dinosaurs

- Read each question and circle the number that best describes your family right now.
- If a statement almost describes your family, but not quite, circle the number just to the left or the right. For example if you feel that the statement 5 "We know a **good amount** about dinosaurs" almost describes your family, but not quite—circle the 4.

If you do not know how to answer a question, or if you are not comfortable answering the question, skip it and go to the next question.

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## *Family Outcomes Survey*

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS, ABILITIES, AND SPECIAL NEEDS

1. *Your child is growing and learning. How much does your family understand about your child's development?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to understand our child's development		We understand <b>some</b> about our child's development		We understand a <b>good amount</b> about our child's development		We understand a <b>great deal</b> about our child's development

2. *Some children have special health needs, a disability, or are delayed in their development. These are often referred to as "special needs." How familiar is your family with your child's special needs?*

CHECK HERE IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND GO TO QUESTION 3.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to understand our child's special needs		We understand <b>some</b> about our child's special needs		We understand a <b>good amount</b> about our child's special needs		We understand a <b>great deal</b> about our child's special needs

3. *Professionals who work with you and your child want to know if the things they do are working. How often is your family able to tell if your child is making progress?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We <b>seldom</b> can tell if our child is making progress		We <b>sometimes</b> can tell if our child is making progress		We <b>usually</b> can tell if our child is making progress		We <b>almost always</b> can tell if our child is making progress

## KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AND ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CHILD

4. *A variety of programs and services may be available to help your child and family. How much does your family know about the programs and services that are available?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to learn about the programs and services that are available		We know <b>some</b> about the programs and services that are available		We know <b>a good amount</b> about the programs and services that are available		We know <b>a great deal</b> about the programs and services that are available

5. *Families often meet with professionals to discuss and plan for your child's education and development. How comfortable is your family participating in these meetings?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to feel comfortable participating in meetings		We are <b>somewhat</b> comfortable participating in meetings		We are <b>generally</b> comfortable participating in meetings		We are <b>very</b> comfortable participating in meetings

6. *Families of children with special needs have rights, including what to do if you are not satisfied. How familiar is your family with your rights?*

CHECK HERE IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND GO TO QUESTION 7.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to understand our rights		We understand <b>some</b> about our rights		We understand <b>a good amount</b> about our rights		We understand <b>a great deal</b> about our rights

## HELPING YOUR CHILD DEVELOP AND LEARN

7. *Families help their children develop and learn. How much does is your family know about how to help your child develop and learn?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to know how to help our child develop and learn		We know <b>some</b> about how to help our child develop and learn		We know <b>a good amount</b> about how to help our child develop and learn		We know <b>a great deal</b> about how to help our child develop and learn

8. *Families try to help their children learn to behave the way they would like. How much does your family know about how to help your child learn to behave the way your family would like?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to know how to help our child behave the way we want		We know <b>some</b> about how to help our child behave the way we want		We know <b>a good amount</b> about how to help our child behave the way we want		We know <b>a great deal</b> about how to help our child behave the way we want

9. *Families work with professionals to help their children learn and practice new skills at home or in their communities. How often does your family help your child learn and practice these new skills?*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We are <b>just beginning</b> to help our child learn and practice these skills		We <b>sometimes</b> help our child learn and practice these skills		We <b>usually</b> help our child learn and practice these skills		We <b>routinely</b> help our child learn and practice these skills

## HAVING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

10. Many people feel that talking with another person helps them deal with problems or celebrate when good things happen. How often does your family have someone your family trusts to listen and talk with when they need it?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We <b>seldom</b> have someone to talk with about things when we need it		We <b>sometimes</b> have someone to talk with about things when we need it		We <b>usually</b> have someone to talk with about things when we need it		We <b>almost always</b> have someone to talk with about things when we need it

11. Families sometimes must rely on other people for help when they need it, for example to provide a ride, run an errand, or watch their child for a short period of time. How often does your family have someone you can rely on for help when your family needs it?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We <b>seldom</b> have someone we can rely on for help when we need it		We <b>sometimes</b> have someone we can rely on for help when we need it		We <b>usually</b> have someone we can rely on for help when we need it		We <b>almost always</b> have someone we can rely on for help when we need it

12. Most families have things they enjoy doing. How often is your family able to do the things your family enjoys?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We <b>seldom</b> are able to do the things we enjoy		We <b>sometimes</b> are able to do the things we enjoy		We <b>usually</b> are able to do the things we enjoy		We <b>almost always</b> are able to do the things we enjoy

## ACCESSING YOUR COMMUNITY

13. All children need medical care. How well does your family's medical care meet your child's special needs?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our medical care meets <b>few</b> of our child's needs		Our medical care meets <b>some</b> of our child's needs		Our medical care meets <b>many</b> of our child's needs		Our medical care meets <b>almost all</b> of our child's needs

14. Many families have a need for quality childcare. By this, we do not mean occasional babysitting, but regular childcare, either part-day or full-day. How well does your family's childcare meet your child's needs?

CHECK HERE IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT WANTED CHILDCARE, AND GO TO QUESTION 15.

CHECK HERE IF YOUR FAMILY HAS WANTED CHILDCARE BUT IT IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, AND GO TO QUESTION 15.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our childcare meets <b>few</b> of our child's needs		Our childcare meets <b>some</b> of our child's needs		Our childcare meets <b>many</b> of our child's needs		Our childcare meets <b>almost all</b> of our child's needs

15. Many families want their child to play with other children or participate in religious, community, or social activities. How often does your child participate in these activities right now?

CHECK HERE IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT WANTED YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AND GO TO QUESTION 16.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our child <b>seldom</b> participates in the activities we want		Our child <b>sometimes</b> participates in the activities we want		Our child <b>usually</b> participates the activities we want		Our child <b>almost always</b> participates in the activities we want

**FEELINGS ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

16. To what extent has your child’s preschool program helped your family know how to help your child learn?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>poor</b> job of helping us know how to help our child learn		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>fair</b> job of helping us know how to help our child learn		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>good</b> job of helping us know how to help our child learn		Our child’s preschool program has done an <b>excellent</b> job of helping us know how to help our child learn

17. To what extent has your child’s preschool program encouraged your family to be actively involved in your child’s education level?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>poor</b> job of encouraging us to be actively involved in our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>fair</b> job of encouraging us to be actively involved in our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>good</b> job of encouraging us to be actively involved in our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done an <b>excellent</b> job of encouraging us to be actively involved in our child’s education

18. To what extent has your child’s preschool program included your family as a full partner in making decisions about your child’s education?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>poor</b> job of including us as full partners in making decision about our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>fair</b> job of including us as full partners in making decision about our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done a <b>good</b> job of including us as full partners in making decision about our child’s education		Our child’s preschool program has done an <b>excellent</b> job of including us as full partners in making decision about our child’s education

**Thank you for completing this survey!**