

## Parent Survey – Young Children with Special Needs in Early Care and

This survey is to understand the concerns of parents with young children with special needs. “Special needs” is defined as developmental delays, physical disabilities, special health care needs, learning disabilities, or emotional/behavioral disorders. This survey is about children ages birth to five.

This survey should take about 10 minutes. Your responses are completely voluntary and will remain anonymous. No one will be able to tie your responses to you. The Texas Expanding Opportunities team sponsors this survey. The team is made up of early care and education agencies who provide programs and services to young children and their families in Texas. Your participation in this survey is helpful as the team and the sponsoring agencies need more information about your experiences.

You may receive this survey from several sources. Please complete only one survey for each child. If you have any questions, you can contact the Texas Expanding Opportunities team at [ecinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:ecinclusion@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

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\* 1. Does your child have a special need?

Yes

No

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## 1. How old is your child?

Birth to 1 year

3 to 4 years

1 to 2 years

4 years or older

2 to 3 years

## 2. Please tell us if your child has been diagnosed with any of the following special needs. (Please check all that apply)

Developmental Delay

Physical/Medical

Emotional/Behavioral

Speech/Language

Learning

Other (please specify)

## 3. What type of childcare or early education setting is your child currently in? (Please check all that apply)

Childcare center

Afterschool program

Home-based care/Home Childcare

Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD)

Public Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)

At Home with Parent/Guardian

Friend, Family, or Neighbor care

Other (please specify)

## 4. Please rate the following question on the scale provided.

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N/A
How satisfied are you with the childcare or early education that your child receives?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

With what areas of the childcare or early education are you most satisfied or dissatisfied?

## \* 5. Have you had any problems enrolling your child into childcare or early education programs?

Yes

No

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## 1. What problems have you had enrolling your child into childcare or early education programs? (Please check all that apply)

- High teacher/staff turnover
- Hours did not match my family's needs
- Could not find high-quality care
- Unable to meet my child's needs
- Too expensive
- Facility is too hard to get to
- Building did not have right equipment
- Program would not take my child because of needs
- Inexperienced/untrained teachers/staff
- No access to medical professionals to provide support for child care staff
- Building not accessible
- Other (please specify)

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**1. Some state childcare tuition assistance programs offer an increased rate for children with special needs. If your child is receiving childcare tuition assistance from the state, is your child receiving this special needs rate?**

Yes

Do not know

No

Not receiving tuition assistance

**\* 2. Is your child currently receiving or has your child in the past received Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)?**

Yes

No

## Parent Survey – Young Children with Special Needs in Early Care and

\* 1. Did you have any problems when your child left ECI and went to other care/programs [e.g., preschool programs for children with disabilities (PPCD)] when your child turned 3?

Yes

Have not transitioned from ECI

No

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## 1. What were the problems when your child transitioned out of ECI? (Please check all that apply)

- Program was unavailable in my area
- Program was full/had waitlist
- Program was too far way/inconvenient
- Other (please specify)

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## 1. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the team?

  

## 2. How did you hear about this survey? (Please check all that apply)

- Child Care Provider
- Texas Child Care Quarterly Journal
- Inclusion Works! Conference
- Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference
- Texas Licensed Child Care Association Conference
- Head Start Newsletter
- Collaborative for Children or Other Child Care Resource and Referral Agency
- Child Care Licensing Website
- Healthy Child Care Texas Website
- Other (please specify)

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Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any questions or additional comments, please email us at [ecinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:ecinclusion@gmail.com).