

Sample Program Survey Items

Using Program Documentation and Surveys to STEP Forward with Data

Below is a sample set of survey items designed for preschool programs. These questions align with the Framework and can be added to existing program-level surveys. Program-level questions apply across all sites within the same program but can be adapted for site-level use if responses may vary by location. Preschool system leaders are encouraged to modify or integrate these items into current surveys to best meet their needs.

Sample introduction

The goal of this survey is to understand more about how our preschool system can best support preschool programs. This survey should not take more than 15 minutes of your time. By continuing with the survey, you are agreeing to participate. You are welcome to skip any question you do not want to answer. We will actively incorporate the feedback you provide to make improvements to our preschool system. This survey is anonymous, which we hope will encourage you to share as honestly as possible.

Program operations

In this section, we want to know more about your program's operating schedule.

1. Which days of the week are you open? Select all that apply.
 - a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Thursday
 - e. Friday
 - f. Saturday
 - g. Sunday
2. What are your regular operating hours during the weekdays? (open-ended)
3. What are your regular operating hours during the weekends? (open-ended; answer N/A if you are not open on the weekends)
4. Do you offer care before your regular operating hours (e.g., before-school programming)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. Do you offer care after your regular operating hours (e.g., after-school programming or non-traditional hour care)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. Which months of the year are you open? Select all that apply.
 - a. January
 - b. February
 - c. March
 - d. April
 - e. May
 - f. June
 - g. July
 - h. August
 - i. September
 - j. October
 - k. November

I. December

Program offerings

7. Do you offer transportation services to families in your preschool programs?
 - a. Yes (*Skip to Question 8*)
 - b. No, but we offer vouchers or financial support to families who need it (*Skip to Question 9*)
 - c. No, we do not offer any transportation services (*Skip to Question 9*)
 - d. Unsure (*Skip to Question 9*)
8. (If “Yes” for Question 7) What type of transportation services do you offer to families in your preschool program?
 - a. At-home pick-up
 - b. After school drop-off
 - c. Other, specify
 - d. None
9. On average, what percentage of the materials used within your program reflect or celebrate the identities of children from focal populations and their communities? (*Numeric value*)
10. **Is your program currently implementing any of the system-level guidelines in the following areas?** (*Select all that apply*)
 - a. Early learning standards
 - b. Curricula
 - c. Child assessments and/or developmental screenings
 - d. Instructional practices
 - e. Professional development activities
 - f. Quality monitoring tools for classroom environment
 - g. Quality monitoring tools for child-adult interactions
 - h. Not sure
 - i. Not currently implementing system-level recommendations in any of these areas
11. Which of the following **program** guidelines do you use to inform your program’s operations? (*Select all that apply*)
 - a. Early learning standards
 - b. Approved or recommended curricula
 - c. Approved or recommended assessments
 - d. Approved or recommended screenings
 - e. Approved or recommended monitoring tools
 - f. Guidelines for child-adult interactions
 - g. Approved or recommended professional development activities and training for staff
 - h. Other, specify
12. Which curriculum do you use that reflects or celebrates the identities of children from focal populations and their communities? (*Open-ended response*)
13. What resources does your program offer that reflect or celebrate the identities of children from focal populations and their communities? (*Open-ended response*)
14. How many activities or events did you conduct/do this year that reflected or celebrated the identities of children from focal populations and their communities? (*Numeric value*)

Closing

Thank you so much for sharing your insights! Let us know if you have any other feedback that we should consider when improving our preschool system.