

Child Care Questions From 12 State/Local "Leaver" Surveys

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Survey	Arizona	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia
Child Ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any children ages 0 through 5 currently living with you? - Are there any children ages 6 through 12 currently living with you? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently, what is the number of children in your household under 18 that you are responsible for? - How old is this child? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of your children under age 18 currently live with you? - How old is child x? --under 1 yr. old --1-18 yrs. old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many children under 12 are living in your household?
Focal child(ren)	no focal child established	no focal child established	no focal child established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youngest child who is taken care of by someone other than a parent at least once a month. (Questions refer to this child)
Care Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you have some kind of extended after-school care for your children who are in (also, "too young for") school? School/preschool --friend/spouse/other rel./partner not in HH --church --home based child care --Head Start --roommate/friend/spouse/ other --rel./partner in HH --child care center --private care provider in home --other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who takes care of your children when you are working? --don't need child care --older child --adult friend/relative in my home --adult friend/relative in their home --babysitter in my home --child(ren) care for selves --child(ren) in school --licensed child care provider/Head Start --Family Day Care --After School Day Care --Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who takes care of child x when you are unavailable? --SR --SR's mother --SR's father --SR's sister --SR's brother --Child Care Center --Friend --Church --Children are in school --Care for selves --SR not working/training yet other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please tell me which of the following types of childcare are used for this child on a regular basis, that is, at least once a month. --relative under 13 in the child's house --relative 13 or older in the child's house --non-relative in the child's home/sitter --care in a relative's home --care in a non-relative's home --Head Start program --Pre-K program, nursery school, preschool, or child care center --before or after school program --child cares for self, alone --none, parent always cares for child --other - How many days a week is the child in this arrangement? - How many hours a day is the child in this arrangement? - How many months has the child been in this arrangement?
Self Care		see above	see above	
Cost of Care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -About how much money do you spend on child care during the month? -How much do you pay out of pocket? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Do you have to pay for child care? -How much does your child care cost in an average week? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you pay for this type of child care?

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Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the Arizona Department of Economic Security paid any part of your child care expenses since you stopped receiving Cash Assistance? If no, why? --Not Eligible --Don't Think Eligible --No Provider Available --Not Needed --Not Worth Effort --Cost Too High Even /Help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you get help paying for your child care, such as a discount, a voucher, or someone making a co-payment? - Does anyone pay for all or part of your child care? - At any time since (month of leaving/within past month), have you received: --child care assistance from welfare office? --child care assistance from private sources/church? --child support from child's parent? --social security? --SSI for you or your spouse or another adult? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Do you receive any financial assistance to help you pay for your child care? -What type of financial assistance for child care do you receive? 	
Info on subsidies	<p>When you stopped receiving Cash Assistance in x-98, did you receive information from DES letting you know that you might be able to get, or continue to get, help paying for child care?</p>			
Parental satisfaction and Quality Ratings	<p>Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you w/your current child care provider?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Very satisfied --satisfied --dissatisfied --very dissatisfied? 		<p>How would you rate the quality of care your child is getting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --excellent --good --fair --poor 	
Employment-Related Issues				
Other		<p>Why don't you need child care?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --child(ren) in school when I work --child(ren) look after themselves --older child watches them --adult friend/relative watches them in my home --adult friend/relative watches them in their home --other 		

Survey	Illinois	Massachusetts	Missouri	South Carolina
Child Ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you currently have any children under 6 yrs. old who are living with you? - children who are 6 to 12 years old. -Do you have any children who are over 12 yrs. of age who live with you? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How old was s/he on her/his last birthday? - What grade is s/he in? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - children too young for school (... I mean children who are five years old or younger.) - Now, thinking about children living in your household who are in school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many school-age children live with you in your home (5-18 years of age)? - What about the ones who is/are not attending school?
Focal child(ren)	no focal child established	no focal child established	- On average, how many hours per week did x take care of the YOUNGEST child/school aged child?	
Care Options	<p>When these children are not in school - AND when you are working, looking for work, or at classes or training - who usually takes care of these children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --spouse/partner --other children in HH --other children outside HH --stay at school/school program --friends and neighbors --relative --babysitter --spouse/partner not living w/client --church --child care center --other --no care needed 	<p>-Does anyone (other than your spouse/partner) help care for this child on a regularly scheduled basis, either in your home or away from it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Head Start --childcare center or preschool --extended stay or school age program --family child care provider --relatives --friends, babysitter 	<p>Is there somebody or some child care service who looks after children [too young for school] when you are working, looking for a job or going to school that you used during (prior month)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who provided this care .. --friend --relative --church --child care center --family day care home --Head Start Program <p>Do you have some kind of extended care or after-school care for [school-aged children] while you are ...- Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --school or school-sponsored after school program --friend --relative --church or other religious organization --childcare center --family day care home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you have some kind of extended care of after-school care for your child(ren) in school? - Who provides this care for your children? (Answers not read to respondent, but include:) --school --friend --relative --church --child care center --family day care home --group day care home --Head Start Program --other
Self care				

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Cost of Care	<p>In a typical week during the school year, how much do you currently pay out of pocket for child care expenses for all your children - including those getting after-school care?</p> <p>--per week --per month --per day</p>		<p>- Did you pay (care option x) to watch (children too young for school/school aged children)?</p> <p>--How much did you pay x?</p> <p>--How many children in your household did x care for?</p> <p>--On average, how many hours per week...?</p>	
Subsidies	<p>- Do you currently get any help paying for your child care from the government or from a social service agency - or a better rate on what child care costs you?</p> <p>- Who helps you pay for child care - or, as far as you know, why do you get the better rate on child care?</p> <p>- Why don't you receive any help paying for child care from these programs?</p>	<p>Do you currently have any help in paying for child care from any of the following?</p> <p>--sliding scale from provider --employer --relatives --a program through the state --anyone else</p>	<p>- Does the amount of money you are charged for childcare depend upon how much money you make?</p> <p>- Do any of the following help you with childcare?</p> <p>--welfare or social service agency --employer --non-custodial parent --someone else I haven't mentioned</p>	<p>- Do you get any help from the state to pay for child care?</p>
Info on Subsidies	<p>- Do you know of any programs that help people pay for child care?</p>	<p>- Are you currently eligible for any federal or state child care subsidies?</p> <p>- Do you currently have a federal subsidy, such as a child care voucher or contracted slot, or DTA transitional child care benefits?</p>		

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Parental Satisfaction and Quality Ratings	<p>-Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the current arrangements you have for taking care of your children while you are at work, looking for work, or taking classes or training?</p> <p>--Very Satisfied --Somewhat Satisfied --Somewhat Dissatisfied --Very Dissatisfied</p> <p>-How would you rate the quality of the child care your children get?</p> <p>--Excellent --Good --Pretty Good --Fair --Poor</p> <p>-How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the cost of your current child care arrangements?</p>			
Employment-Related Issues	<p>How dependable is this type of child care for you? That is, when your children 6 to 12 are not in school - AND you are at work, looking for work or taking classes or training - can you always count on getting this child care; usually count on getting this child care; or can you count on it only some of the time?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During (prior month) was there ever a time you could not work, look for a job, or go to school because you lacked childcare? - Since leaving AFDC, was there ever a time in which you lost more than a week's pay, lost a job, or could not look for a job or go to school or job training because you lacked childcare? - Since leaving AFDC, has there ever been a time where ongoing childcare problems were a serious threat to your ability to keep an existing job, look for or take a new job, or go to school or job training? 	

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Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How difficult is it to find people or services to take care of your children that you feel comfortable with while you are at work, looking for work, or taking classes or training? VD, SD, NVD, ND - Do you have needs for child care which are not currently being met? What are they? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is/are your child(ren) not in care because you don't want or need it at this time; although you want it you can't afford the care you want; or for some other reason? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have you ever needed a regular baby sitter or child care service but could not find it? - Have you ever needed a regular baby sitter or child care service but could not <u>pay</u> for it?

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Child Ages	- The following questions concern baby-sitting or child care arrangements you may have for your children under age 13.	On last birthday, was (NAME): --under 3 yrs. old; --3 to 5 yrs. old --6 to 11 yrs. old; --12 to 17 yrs. old; --18 yrs. or older?		- What is/are the ages of your child(ren)? (between 0-18 yrs.)
Focal Child(ren)		- IF only 1 CHILD in AGE RANGE "1-4", THAT CHILD IS FOCAL CHILD. IF > 1 CHILD, FOCAL CHILD is selected (Child who most recently had birthday)	- Focal child selected by random number table.	No Focal Children Established
Care Options	- Who provides child care for (child) . . . is it a friend, family member, child care center, preschool, family day care center or some other person or child care situation? - Do you have children under age 13 for whom you do <u>not</u> have child care? - While you are at work, in training, or searching for a job, and while your children are not at school, do you have someone care for them? - Is child care provided in or outside your home?	- Is (FOCAL CHILD) in a Head Start program? - Other than Head Start, does (FOCAL CHILD) regularly attend a formal preschool or day care program, including a group day care home? - Is (FOCAL CHILD) cared for regularly by another family member (sibling, child's father), another relative or a babysitter?	- Please tell..[if]. used any of these arrangements for (focal child) during the last month. Was s/he cared for . . . --in a Head Start program (if < 6 yrs) --in a day group care center, pre-school, a nursery school, a pre-kindergarten, or other formal program other than Hd Start --in an extended day program, that is, before- or after- school care program at his/her regular school --by an adult relative other than your spouse/partner or the child's father --in a family day care home or by a babysitter not related to him/her outside the home --by an older brother, sister, or other relative under age 18	- Does someone other than you take care of child(ren) while you're at work, looking for work, or in training? - How is each of your children cared for while you're working, looking for work, or in training? --other parent/step-parent --spouse-like partner --older siblings/step-siblings --grandparent --other relative --baby sitter at my home --family day care facility --on site or employer sponsored day care --in day-care centers --preschool/Head Start/ECAP (early childhood assist prog) --I take my child with me -child/children cares for self/selves --more than one provider on weekly basis due to my varied schedule --some other arrangement - How many hours per week is child in this arrangement?

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Self Care		- Sometimes it's difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. Do <u>any</u> of your (children/grandchildren) under 13 years old take care of themselves on a regular basis, even for a small amount of time?	- Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all of the time, such as before or after school. In the last month, has (focal child) stayed by him/herself on a regular basis even for a small amount of time? ...how many hours? - ... did (focal child) usually stay by him/herself in your home, some other home, or someplace else?	See above
Cost of Care			- Thinking about all of the child care arrangements you used regularly in the last month for your child/all your children, while you were working, etc., how much altogether did you pay for child care out of your own pocket? Please count all arrangements... but don't include money that you paid but got paid back from someone else.	- How much is your monthly copay? - Approximately how much do you pay the provider per month for each child?

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Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you pay for all of your child care, part of your child care, or none of it?- Does your W-2 or county agency help you pay for your child care? - (If no) What is the main reason you are not getting this help? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since your welfare benefits stopped in (final month), have you gotten any help paying for your child care costs? That is, has a government agency or someone else paid for all or part of your child care? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Did you receive assistance from the county welfare office or social services agency in finding or arranging for this c. c. arrangement? - During the last six months has anyone else paid for part or all of the cost of childcare for any of your children while you were working, etc.? - Who or what agency helped pay for your childcare? --government --child's other parent --employer --other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does/did your employer offer financial help with child care? - Is DSHS paying for any of your childcare? - Of the following reasons, which best describes why you are not receiving DSHS assistance for your child care costs? --No need for DSHS child care --too much hassle to apply for DSHS child care --could not find care provider who would accept DSHS reimbursement --no transportation to child care providers --child too sick/disabled to get a care provider --child too young to get a care provider --was not aware of DSHS child care assistance program --didn't think I qualified --the co-pay was too much --DSHS won't pay my provider --DSHS says I am not eligible for child care subsidies --I tried to contact DSHS for assistance but got no response --Other
Info on Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have you applied for W-2 Child Care Assistance? - How did you first learn about this help to pay for child care? --worker --pamphlet/poster --friend/relative/neighbor --child care provider --radio/newspaper/television --community agency --child care referral agency --other 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you aware of any government benefits that are available to help parents who leave welfare or try to stay off welfare to pay for childcare? - Did you ever apply or try to get government benefits to help pay for childcare? 	

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Parental Satisfaction and Quality Ratings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would you change your primary care provider if you could? - What is the main reason you would change providers? 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the main reason you chose the current childcare arrangement for each child? --the care is free --the care is affordable --quality of care --flexible hours --convenience --provider is someone I know and trust --provider is licensed --provider accepts DSHS reimbursement --other reasons - Overall, how satisfied are you with this childcare arrangement? (Very sat, sat, dissat, very dissat)
<p>Employment-related Issues</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do any of the following describe problems you've had when working or searching for a job? --getting care for infants -- " for sick children -- " for disabled children -- " after school -- " during schl break/ summr -- " during shift hours - When working or looking for work, did any of the following happen? -- weren't hired because of c.c. problems -- unable to work FT -- warned/disciplined by employer --had to quit a job --were fired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At any time since your welfare benefits ended in (final month), did you have to quit a job, school, or training activity because you had problems arranging child care or keeping a child care arrangement? - At any time since your welfare benefits ended in (final month), were you unable to <u>take</u> a job, or <u>start</u> school, a job search, or training activity because you had problems arranging child care or keeping a child care arrangement? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the last six months, did you (or your spouse) lose any time from work because your child/ren was/were sick and couldn't go to your usual provider? <p>-----</p> <p>----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During last 6 mos, how many times has the primary c.c. arrangement changed for (focal child)? This includes different babysitters who cared for him/her or different places or programs s/he attended. - The last time you changed the primary child care arrangement for (focal child), what was main reason for the change?<lists 13 reasons> 	

