

## Community Child Care Survey

Insert Date

This survey is to be completed by parents of children aged 0-12 in the community of *Community Name Goes Here*

*Name of sponsoring organization* would appreciate information on your child care needs. The purpose of this survey is to get information that can help us make decisions around the development of child care in our community. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance.

NOTE: All information gathered on this form will be used solely for the purpose of obtaining up-to-date child care needs data. Any identifying information provided on this survey will be held in confidence by the sponsoring agency and will not be shared with other individuals or groups for any reason without prior consent from the individuals involved.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact *Contact Name* at (phone number) or [emailgoeshere@gov.nl.ca](mailto:emailgoeshere@gov.nl.ca).

### Here is some information for you before you start:

**Regulated child care** refers to child care that is delivered through a licensed child care centre or regulated family child care home. In order to be regulated, a centre or home must meet and maintain requirements under the Child Care Services Act and Regulations and related policies. Regional child care services staff regularly monitor and support regulated child care services to ensure these standards are maintained.

Assistance is available to help offset the costs of child care for eligible families under the Child Care Services Subsidy program. The daily subsidy rates for regulated child care services participating in the Operating Grant Program are:

\$15/day for infants, toddlers, preschool and full day school- aged children  
\$8/day after school care  
\$10/day before and after school care

The parent fees for child care services not participating in the Operating Grant Program are published on the Department of Education website. For additional information regarding the child care programs and services and offered in the province, please visit the website at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/childcare/>

1. Do you currently have (or plan to have) any children under the age of 12 years living in the home?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many of your children are in each of the following age groups?

0-24 months \_\_\_\_\_

Over 2 years through 5 years \_\_\_\_\_

6 years through 9 years \_\_\_\_\_

10 years through 12 years \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnant or planning to adopt this year \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you currently require child care for your child/children under the age of 12?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**If all your children are 13 years of age and over or if you have no children, and are not pregnant or planning to adopt within the next year, you have now completed this questionnaire. Thank you very much for your participation in this important project.**

**Parents who have children less than 13 years of age, and those who are pregnant or planning to adopt a child, should continue with question 4. The next several questions are about your family's work situation and need for child care arrangements.**

4. What child care arrangements, if any, have you made for your children right now?

- Child Care is not needed at this time \_\_\_\_\_
- Care at a regulated child care centre (part-time and full-time) \_\_\_\_\_
- Care at a regulated/approved family child care home \_\_\_\_\_
- Private arrangements in my own home  
(babysitter, nanny, friend, relative, neighbour) \_\_\_\_\_
- Private arrangements (care provider's home, unregulated) \_\_\_\_\_
- After school care program \_\_\_\_\_
- Supplementary programs for parents and caregivers  
(drop-in play groups, Family Resource Programs, library programs) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. In general, how satisfied are you with these arrangements?

- Very satisfied \_\_\_\_\_
- Somewhat satisfied \_\_\_\_\_
- Somewhat dissatisfied \_\_\_\_\_
- Very dissatisfied \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why do you require child care now or in the next two years? Check all that apply:

- I am employed \_\_\_\_\_
- I am looking for employment \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a student in a school or university \_\_\_\_\_
- I want my child to socialize with other children \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you anticipate needing child care within the next two years? Please specify how many children and what ages are the children who would require child care.

Yes, I will need child care \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are your child(ren) ages \_\_\_\_\_

No, I will not need child care within the next two years \_\_\_\_\_

8. Would you use **regulated child care** (as described in the information section) if it was available in your community?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you answered 'no' to Question 8, please indicate why you would not use regulated child care. Check all that apply:

I do not require child care \_\_\_\_\_

Too expensive \_\_\_\_\_

Would prefer in-home care or private arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to stay with my current arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "yes" to Question 6, please indicate what type of regulated child care you would require: Check all that apply:

Full Time \_\_\_\_\_

Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

School Age – Before School \_\_\_\_\_

School Age – Lunch Time \_\_\_\_\_

School Age – After School \_\_\_\_\_

School Age – School Cancellation Days/Holidays \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which days would you need child care? (Check all that apply.)

Monday to Friday \_\_\_\_\_  
Holidays, Sumer Breaks \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Please indicate what hours you would need child care: (Check all that apply)

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Start time earlier than 8:00 a.m. (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pick up time later than 6:00 p.m.(please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Before school \_\_\_\_\_  
After school \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch time (school age children only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

12. How many children do you have in each of the following age groups **who require child care**?

Birth to 2 years \_\_\_\_\_  
2 years to 5 years and 9 months (prior to school entry) \_\_\_\_\_  
5-12 years \_\_\_\_\_

13. Would you prefer centre-based care (i.e., care in a child care centre) or family child care?

Child Care Centre \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Child Care Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Doesn't matter \_\_\_\_\_

14. Does your employer, educational institution, and/or municipality have the capacity to support and on-site regulated child care service?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

15. Would you like to be contacted with more details regarding child care options in your community?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered 'yes' to Question 15, please provide us with the following contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Comments:

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**Please return your survey to \_\_\_\_\_ . If you would like to add any comments, ideas or suggestions regarding child care in your community, please complete number 16.**

THANK YOU!