

## CHILD CARE NEEDS SURVEY

**Even though you may not need child care, or may not have children under 13, we ask that all parents in our community complete these first few questions.**

1. Please indicate your postal code below so that we can group child care needs by area:

postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you: (Circle response number)

1 male

2 female

3. In general, do you think that families in our community have access to an adequate supply of child care services? (Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

3 don't know

4. Do you think that government should make child care services more affordable than they are at present? (Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

3 don't know

5. Do you currently have any children 12 and under living at home? (Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

6. How many of your children are in each of the following age groups:  
(Please indicate the number in each age group)

\_\_\_\_\_ 0 - 18 months

\_\_\_\_\_ 19 months through 2 1/2 years

\_\_\_\_\_ over 2 1/2 years through 5 years

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 13 years or over

\_\_\_\_\_ If pregnant or planning to adopt this year, please check here

\_\_\_\_\_ If you have no children, please check here

**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 their first child, should continue with question 7. The next several questions are about your family's work situation and need for child care arrangements.**

7. This question is about your **MAJOR** occupational situation - what you spend most of your time doing. Are you now or do you plan within the next year to be: (Circle only one response number)

- 1 employed in the paid labour force
- 2 studying in a school or university
- 3 self-employed or the owner of a business
- 4 working on your own farm, including performing various farm chores
- 5 working on an irregular basis
- 6 full-time homemaker caring for your own children
- 7 none of the above (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

8. About how many hours each week do you currently spend in your **MAJOR** work/study situation?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

9. Does your **MAJOR** work/study situation change on a seasonal or other basis?  
(Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

9.1 Please describe in what way: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have a **SECOND** work or study situation in addition to the above? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

10.1 Please circle the response number that best describes this **SECOND** situation.

- 1 employed in the paid labour force
- 2 studying in a school or university
- 3 self-employed, owner of a business
- 4 working on your own farm, including performing various farm chores

- 5 working on a part-time basis
  - 6 working on an irregular basis
  - 7 full-time homemaker caring for your own children
  - 8 none of the above (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
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10.2 About how many hours each week do you currently spend in your **SECOND** work/study situation?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

10.3 Does this **SECOND** work/study situation change on a seasonal or other basis?  
 (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

10.4 Please describe in what way: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Do you have a spouse or partner who lives with you? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

11.1 Please circle the category that best describes that person's **MAJOR** work/study situation.

- 1 employed in the paid labour force
  - 2 studying in a school or university
  - 3 self-employed, owner of a business
  - 4 working on your own farm, including performing various farm chores
  - 5 working on a part-time basis
  - 6 working on an irregular basis
  - 7 full-time homemaker caring for your own children
  - 8 none of the above (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
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11.2 About how many hours each week does your partner currently spend in this **MAJOR** work/study situation?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

11.3 Does your partner's **MAJOR** work situation change on a seasonal or other basis?  
 (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no



14. What is your spouse/partner's type of work (include studying)?

Title/status \_\_\_\_\_

Kind \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ work

Type of business or institution \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from home \_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres

Does not apply (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is your annual family income before taxes are deducted? (circle response number)

NOTE: All information you provide is anonymous and will be used only as part of this child care survey. Information about family incomes in our community will be extremely useful to the child care committee but it is, of course, optional for you to provide it.

- 1 Under \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000 to \$19,999
- 3 \$20,000 to \$29,999
- 4 \$30,000 to \$39,999
- 5 \$40,000 to \$49,999
- 6 \$50,000 to \$59,999
- 7 \$60,000 and over

16. Please list the ages of all your children who are less than 13 years of age from youngest to oldest below.

- CHILD 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (youngest)
- CHILD 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- CHILD 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- CHILD 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**If pregnant with or planning to adopt first child within the next year, please answer the following question.**

**If you currently have children less than 13 years of age living with you, please continue with question 17.**

16.1 If you had access, at a fee you were able to pay, to your choice of child care arrangements for your child, which three would you choose? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care in your own home
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated care in a caregiver's home (under provincial legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ unregulated care in the home of a friend, neighbour or relative

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ after school program in your child's school
- \_\_\_\_\_ one year of parental leave paid at 60% of your regular salary/wage
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you very much for your participation in this important project.**

17. Different families have different work patterns and needs for child care. Please circle the one situation which most closely resembles your family.

1 This family needs child care infrequently.

One parent is a full time homemaker and is not engaged in work outside the home or on the farm for substantial parts of the day; this parent can provide care for the child(ren) on a regular basis. This family only needs child care every so often to give the stay-at-home parent a break or to allow the child to meet and play with other children.

2 All other situations.

This includes families in which both parents (in a two-parent family) or the parent (in a single-parent family) work or study during regular daytime hours each week (including work and chores on your own farm) and need to have someone provide child care during these hours. It also includes situations in which the family has irregular or part-time work patterns and irregular needs for child care. For example, a family might have one parent working year-round and the other parent working only during the tourist season; or they might live on a farm and need child care mainly during peak planting and harvest times; or both parents work on the farm as well as holding part-year jobs in town in some seasons.

If you are unsure whether to circle "1" or "2", circle "2" and describe your situation here:

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**If you circled "2", please skip to CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 1.**

**If you circled "1" above, please answer the following few questions about your present child care arrangements.**

18. Which of the following kinds of child care services has your family used while one of you has been a homemaker? (Circle response numbers for all you have used)

- 1 child care centre
- 2 regulated private home day care
- 3 parent/child drop-in program
- 4 child drop-off centre for occasional use

- 5        paid arrangement with a caregiver
- 6        unpaid arrangement with a caregiver
- 7        nursery school
- 8        toy library
- 9        playgroup
- 10       other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

19. In general, how satisfied are you with these arrangements? (Circle one response number)

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 very dissatisfied

20. Which three of the following child care services would you most like to have offered in our community (i.e. services that don't exist or are not sufficiently available now)?

Mark your first choice with a "1", your second choice with a "2", and your third choice with a "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated private home day care
- \_\_\_\_\_ parent/child drop-in program
- \_\_\_\_\_ child drop-off centre for occasional use
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ trained caregiver for occasional use
- \_\_\_\_\_ parent education program
- \_\_\_\_\_ toy library
- \_\_\_\_\_ playgroup
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ don't know

21. Would you accept paid employment outside your home, work on your farm or go to school if adequate child care services were more available and affordable in your community? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

**If your family has a parent who stays at home most of the time to care for the children, you have now completed this questionnaire. Thank you very much for your participation in this important project. To return the questionnaire, please follow the instructions on the last page.**

**All other families should continue.**

The next group of questions concerns each of your children less than 13 years of age. These questions are about your present child care arrangements, your satisfaction with them, and your preferences for different arrangements. Please begin with your youngest child.

### CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 1

A1. Age of this child \_\_\_\_\_ (YOUNGEST)

A2. Who provides most of the child care for Child 1? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner provide most of the child care yourselves
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

A2.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in A2, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?  
(Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

3 don't know

A2.2 Who cares for Child 1 during the following hours? Use the categories given in question A2 to indicate the child care arrangement used for Child 1 during the following time periods. Fill in the number that best describes your situation.

Time of day

About 7 - 9 am \_\_\_\_\_

About 9 am - 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 4 - 6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 6 - 11 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 11 pm - 7 am \_\_\_\_\_



A3. How satisfied are you with the following features of your main child care arrangement for Child 1? (Circle only one number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1	2		3	4
Hours of care provided	1	2		3	4
Amount of fees you pay	1	2		3	4
Other (Please describe)	_____				

A4. If you are dissatisfied at all with any part of this child care arrangement, what keeps you from changing it? (Circle all responses that apply)

- 1 more satisfactory child care would be too expensive
- 2 you work/study at hours when more satisfactory child care is not available 3 transportation problem
- 4 more satisfactory child care arrangements are not available in my community
- 5 you only need child care on a part-time or part-year basis
- 6 you are too busy right now to find the time to change arrangements
- 7 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

A5. What other child care arrangements do you use on a regular basis for Child 1 in addition to your main arrangement: (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner arrange your schedules so that you can provide most of the child care you need
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

A5.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

A6. If you had access, at a fee you were able to pay, to your choice of child care arrangements for Child 1, which three would you choose? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care in your own home
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated care in a caregiver's home (under provincial legislation)

- \_\_\_\_\_ unregulated care in the home of a friend, neighbour or relative
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ after school program in your child's school
- \_\_\_\_\_ one year of parental leave paid at 60% of your regular salary/wage
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

A7. How much do you pay in total per week for child care for Child 1?  
 If your weekly fees cover more than 1 child, please average the amount by the number of children. For example, if you pay a caregiver \$90 per week to care for 3 children, your cost for one child is \$30.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for only Child 1

A7.1 How many hours per week do you pay for care for Child 1?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

A8. Would you be willing and able to pay higher fees than you currently are paying to have more satisfactory child care arrangements for Child 1? (Circle response number)

1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 you have a satisfactory arrangement

IF YES:

A8.1 How much would you be willing and able to pay per week for convenient, good quality child care for Child 1?  
 (Base amount on the same number of hours specified in A7.1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Child 1

A9. Are your child care fees for Child 1 subsidized by the government? (Circle response number)

1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 don't know

IF YES:

A9.1 What amount are you responsible for paying? (Fill in the amount you pay in one of the spaces below)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

A10. Please circle where you would most prefer to have child care for Child 1 located. (Circle only one response number)

- 1 near your home
- 2 near your place of work or study
- 3 near child's school
- 4 doesn't matter

A11. What is your general pattern of need for child care for Child 1? (Please circle the months and days that you regularly use child care at the present time.)

Months - JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Days - MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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A11.1 Do you have another regular pattern of child care needs for part of the year for Child 1 that varies from the above? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

A11.2 Please describe this second pattern.

Months - JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Days - MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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A12. Do your normal child care arrangements for this child change during the summer months? (Circle response number)

1 yes    2 no

IF YES:

A12.1 Who provides most of the care for your children during the summer months? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 you don't work or study during the summer months and are available to look after your children
- 2 your spouse or partner
- 3 other children in the family
- 4 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 5 caregiver outside your home
- 6 child care centre
- 7 summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- 8 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

A12.2 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?

1 yes    2 no    3 don't know

A12.3 How satisfied are you with the following features of your summer child care arrangements for Child 1? (Circle a number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1	2	3	4	



A16. How far from your home would you be willing to have Child 1 travel each day to a main child care arrangement?  
up to \_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres, one way

A17. What methods do you use most often for transporting Child 1 to your main child care arrangement? (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 you or your spouse/partner drive Child 1
- 2 someone else drives Child 1 by car
- 3 taxi
- 4 bus
- 5 walk
- 6 Child 1 does not have to travel
- 7 other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have additional children younger than 13 years of age, please continue with CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 2. Otherwise, skip to the next section, if there is one, or the last page.**

**CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 2**

B1. Age of this child \_\_\_\_\_

B2. Who provides most of the child care for Child 2? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner arrange your schedules so that you can provide most of the child care yo
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

B2.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in B2, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?  
(Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

B2.2 Who cares for Child 2 during the following hours? Use the categories given in question B2 to indicate the child care arrangement used for Child 2 during the following time periods. Fill in the number that best describes your situation.

Time of day

About 7 - 9 am \_\_\_\_\_

About 9 am - 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 4 - 6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 6 - 11 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 11 pm - 7 am \_\_\_\_\_

B3. How satisfied are you with the following features of your main child care arrangement for Child 2? (Circle only one number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1	2		3	4
Hours of care provided	1	2		3	4
Amount of fees you pay	1	2		3	4
Other (Please describe)	_____				

B4. If you are dissatisfied at all with any part of this child care arrangement, what keeps you from changing it? (Circle all responses that apply)

- 1 more satisfactory child care would be too expensive
- 2 you work/study at hours when more satisfactory child care is not available
- 3 transportation problems
- 4 more satisfactory child care arrangements are not available in my community
- 5 you only need child care on a part-time or part-year basis
- 6 you are too busy right now to find the time to change arrangements
- 7 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

B5. What other child care arrangements do you use on a regular basis for Child 2 in addition to your main arrangement: (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner provide most of the child care yourselves
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

B5.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

B6. If you had access, at a fee you were able to pay, to your choice of child care arrangements for Child 2, which three would you choose? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care in your own home
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated care in a caregiver's home (under provincial legislation)



- \_\_\_\_\_ unregulated care in the home of a friend, neighbour or relative
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ after school program in your child's school
- \_\_\_\_\_ one year of parental leave paid at 60% of your regular salary/wage
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

B7. How much do you pay in total per week for child care for Child 2?  
 If your weekly fees cover more than 1 child, please average the amount by the number of children. For example, if you pay a caregiver \$90 per week to care for 3 children, your cost for one child is \$30.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for only Child 2

B7.1 How many hours per week do you pay for care for Child 2?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

B8. Would you be willing and able to pay higher fees than you currently are paying to have more satisfactory child care arrangements for Child 2? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 you have a satisfactory arrangement

IF YES:

B8.1 How much would you be willing and able to pay per week for convenient, good quality child care for Child 2?  
 (Base amount on the same number of hours specified in B7.1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Child 2

B9. Are your child care fees for Child 2 subsidized by the government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 don't know

IF YES:

B9.1 What amount are you responsible for paying? (Fill in the amount you pay in one of the spaces below)

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day
- or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week
- or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

B10. Please circle where you would most prefer to have child care for Child 2 located. (Circle only one response number)

- 1 near your home
- 2 near your place of work or study
- 3 near child's school
- 4 doesn't matter

B11. What is your general pattern of need for child care for Child 2? (Please circle the months and days that you regularly use child care at the present time.)

Months - JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Days - MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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B11.1 Do you have another regular pattern of child care needs for part of the year for Child 2 that varies from the above? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

B11.2 Please describe this second pattern.

Months - JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Days - MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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B12. Do your normal child care arrangements for this child change during the summer months? (Circle response number)

1 yes 2 no

IF YES:

B12.1 Who provides most of the care for your children during the summer months? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 you don't work or study during the summer months and are available to look after your children
- 2 your spouse or partner
- 3 other children in the family
- 4 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 5 caregiver outside your home
- 6 child care centre
- 7 summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- 8 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

B12.2 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?

1 yes 2 no 3 don't know

B12.3 How satisfied are you with the following features of your summer child care arrangements for Child 2? (Circle a number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1		2	3	4



B16. How far from your home would you be willing to have Child 2 travel each day to a main child care arrangement?  
up to \_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres, one way

B17. What methods do you use most often for transporting Child 2 to your main child care arrangement? (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 you or your spouse/partner drive Child 2
- 2 someone else drives Child 2 by car
- 3 taxi
- 4 bus
- 5 walk
- 6 Child 2 does not have to travel
- 7 other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have additional children younger than 13 years of age, please continue with CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 3. Otherwise, skip to the next section, if there is one, or the last page.**

**CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 3**

C1. Age of this child \_\_\_\_\_

C2. Who provides most of the child care for Child 3? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner provide most of the child care yourselves
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C2.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in C2, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?  
(Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

C2.2 Who cares for Child 3 during the following hours? Use the categories given in question C2 to indicate the child care arrangement used for Child 3 during the following time periods. Fill in the number that best describes your situation.

Time of day

About 7 - 9 am \_\_\_\_\_

About 9 am - 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 4 - 6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 6 - 11 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 11 pm - 7 am \_\_\_\_\_

C3. How satisfied are you with the following features of your main child care arrangement for Child 3? (Circle only one number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4		
Quality of care provided	1	2		3	4	
Hours of care provided	1	2		3	4	
Amount of fees you pay	1	2		3	4	
Other (Please describe)	_____					

C4. If you are dissatisfied at all with any part of this child care arrangement, what keeps you from changing it? (Circle all responses that apply)

- 1 more satisfactory child care would be too expensive
- 2 you work/study at hours when more satisfactory child care is not available 3 transportation problem
- 4 more satisfactory child care arrangements are not available in my community
- 5 you only need child care on a part-time or part-year basis
- 6 you are too busy right now to find the time to change arrangements
- 7 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C5. What other child care arrangements do you use on a regular basis for Child 3 in addition to your main arrangement: (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner arrange your schedules so that you can provide most of the child care you need
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C5.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

C6. If you had access, at a fee you were able to pay, to your choice of child care arrangements for Child 3, which three would you choose? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care in your own home
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated care in a caregiver's home (under provincial legislation)

- \_\_\_\_\_ unregulated care in the home of a friend, neighbour or relative
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ after school program in your child's school
- \_\_\_\_\_ one year of parental leave paid at 60% of your regular salary/wage
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C7. How much do you pay in total per week for child care for Child 3?  
 If your weekly fees cover more than 1 child, please average the amount by the number of children. For example, if you pay a caregiver \$90 per week to care for 3 children, your cost for one child is \$30.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for only Child 3

C7.1 How many hours per week do you pay for care for Child 3?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

C8. Would you be willing and able to pay higher fees than you currently are paying to have more satisfactory child care arrangements for Child 3? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 you have a satisfactory arrangement

IF YES:

C8.1 How much would you be willing and able to pay per week for convenient, good quality child care for Child 3?  
 (Base amount on the same number of hours specified in C7.1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Child 3

C9. Are your child care fees for Child 3 subsidized by the government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 don't know

IF YES:

C9.1 What amount are you responsible for paying? (Fill in the amount you pay in one of the spaces below)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month



C10. Please circle where you would most prefer to have child care for Child 3 located. (Circle only one response number)

- 1 near your home
- 2 near your place of work or study
- 3 near child's school
- 4 doesn't matter

C11. What is your general pattern of need for child care for Child 3? (Please circle the months and days that you regularly use child care at the present time.)

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Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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C11.1 Do you have another regular pattern of child care needs for part of the year for Child 3 that varies from the above? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

C11.2 Please describe this second pattern.

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Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C12. Do your normal child care arrangements for this child change during the summer months? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

C12.1 Who provides most of the care for your children during the summer months? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 you don't work or study during the summer months and are available to look after your children
- 2 your spouse or partner
- 3 other children in the family
- 4 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 5 caregiver outside your home
- 6 child care centre
- 7 summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- 8 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C12.2 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

C12.3 How satisfied are you with the following features of your summer child care arrangements for Child 3? (Circle a number for each feature listed)

			Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4		
Quality of care provided	1	2		3	4	

Hours of care provided	1	2	3	4
Amount of fees you pay	1	2	3	4
Other (Please describe)	_____			

C13. Which three of the following choices would be your preferred summer child care arrangements? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ you would not work during the summer months so that you could look after your children
- \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse or partner would take time away from work during the summer to look after the children
- \_\_\_\_\_ other children in the family would provide care
- \_\_\_\_\_ a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- \_\_\_\_\_ care by a caregiver outside your home
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C14. If Child 3 is in school (including kindergarten), do you make special arrangements for teachers' professional development days (P.A. days or P.D. days), Christmas Break or March Break? (Circle response number)

- 1 no special arrangements
- 2 special arrangements for some days
- 3 special arrangements for all days
- 4 Child 3 is not in school

IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE:

C14.1 What special child care arrangement do you usually make for these times? (Circle one response number)

- 1 you take time off work or school to look after your school-age children
- 2 your spouse or partner takes time off
- 3 child or children look after themselves
- 4 a relative, friend or caregiver provides care in your home
- 5 a relative, friend or caregiver provides care outside your home
- 6 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

C15. How far from your home is your main child care arrangement for Child 3?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres          \_\_\_\_\_ Child 3 does not have to travel

C16. How far from your home would you be willing to have Child 3 travel each day to a main child care arrangement?

up to \_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres, one way

C17. What methods do you use most often for transporting Child 3 to your main child care arrangement? (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 you or your spouse/partner drive Child 3
- 2 someone else drives Child 3 by car
- 3 taxi
- 4 bus
- 5 walk
- 6 Child 3 does not have to travel
- 7 other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have additional children younger than 13 years of age, please continue with CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 4. Otherwise, skip to the next section, if there is one, or the last page.**

**CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD 4**

D1. Age of this child \_\_\_\_\_

D2. Who provides most of the child care for Child 4? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner provide most of the child care yourselves
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D2.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in D2, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?  
(Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

D2.2 Who cares for Child 4 during the following hours? Use the categories given in question D2 to indicate the child care arrangement used for Child 4 during the following time periods. Fill in the number that best describes your situation.

Time of day

About 7 - 9 am \_\_\_\_\_

About 9 am - 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 4 - 6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 6 - 11 pm \_\_\_\_\_

About 11 pm - 7 am \_\_\_\_\_

D3. How satisfied are you with the following features of your main child care arrangement for Child 4? (Circle only one number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1	2		3	4
Hours of care provided	1	2		3	4
Amount of fees you pay	1	2		3	4
Other (Please describe)	_____				

D4. If you are dissatisfied at all with any part of this child care arrangement, what keeps you from changing it? (Circle all responses that apply)

- 1 more satisfactory child care would be too expensive
- 2 you work/study at hours when more satisfactory child care is not available 3 transportation problem
- 4 more satisfactory child care arrangements are not available in my community
- 5 you only need child care on a part-time or part-year basis
- 6 you are too busy right now to find the time to change arrangements
- 7 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D5. What other child care arrangements do you use on a regular basis for Child 4 in addition to your main arrangement: (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 other children in the family
- 2 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 3 a caregiver outside your home
- 4 child care centre
- 5 nursery school
- 6 kindergarten or school
- 7 you only work/study while the child is in school
- 8 you and your partner arrange your schedules so that you can provide most of the child care you need
- 9 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D5.1 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

D6. If you had access, at a fee you were able to pay, to your choice of child care arrangements for Child 4, which three would you choose? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ child care in your own home
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulated care in a caregiver's home (under provincial legislation)

- \_\_\_\_\_ unregulated care in the home of a friend, neighbour or relative
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ nursery school
- \_\_\_\_\_ after school program in your child's school
- \_\_\_\_\_ one year of parental leave paid at 60% of your regular salary/wage
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D7. How much do you pay in total per week for child care for Child 4?  
 If your weekly fees cover more than 1 child, please average the amount by the number of children. For example, if you pay a caregiver \$90 per week to care for 3 children, your cost for one child is \$30.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for only Child 4

D7.1 How many hours per week do you pay for care for Child 4?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

D8. Would you be willing and able to pay higher fees than you currently are paying to have more satisfactory child care arrangements for Child 4? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 you have a satisfactory arrangement

IF YES:

D8.1 How much would you be willing and able to pay per week for convenient, good quality child care for Child 4?  
 (Base amount on the same number of hours specified in D7.1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Child 4

D9. Are your child care fees for Child 4 subsidized by the government? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                      2 no                                      3 don't know

IF YES:

D9.1 What amount are you responsible for paying? (Fill in the amount you pay in one of the spaces below)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week  
 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

D10. Please circle where you would most prefer to have child care for Child 4 located. (Circle only one response number)

- 1 near your home
- 2 near your place of work or study
- 3 near child's school
- 4 doesn't matter

D11. What is your general pattern of need for child care for Child 4? (Please circle the months and days that you regularly use child care at the present time.)

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Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work shifts.)

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D11.1 Do you have another regular pattern of child care needs for part of the year for Child 4 that varies from the above? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no



IF YES:

D11.2 Please describe this second pattern.

Months - JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

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Days - MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

Hours - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Provide more details if necessary (e.g. if your child care needs are irregular or you work \_\_\_\_\_ shifts.)

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D12. Do your normal child care arrangements for this child change during the summer months? (Circle response number)

1 yes    2 no

IF YES:

D12.1 Who provides most of the care for your children during the summer months? (Circle only one response number)

- 1        you don't work or study during the summer months and are available to look after your children
- 2        your spouse or partner
- 3        other children in the family
- 4        a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- 5        caregiver outside your home
- 6        child care centre
- 7        summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- 8        other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D12.2 If you answered "a caregiver outside your home" in the above question, was this caregiver regulated by the provincial government?

1 yes    2 no    3 don't know

D12.3 How satisfied are you with the following features of your summer child care arrangements for Child 4? (Circle a number for each feature listed)

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Location of care facility	1	2	3	4	
Quality of care provided	1		2	3	4

Hours of care provided	1	2	3	4
Amount of fees you pay	1	2	3	4
Other (Please describe)	_____			

D13. Which three of the following choices would be your preferred summer child care arrangements? Mark your first choice "1", your second choice "2" and third choice "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ you would not work during the summer months so that you could look after your children
- \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse or partner would take time away from work during the summer to look after the children
- \_\_\_\_\_ other children in the family would provide care
- \_\_\_\_\_ a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver in your home
- \_\_\_\_\_ care by a caregiver outside your home
- \_\_\_\_\_ child care centre
- \_\_\_\_\_ summer camp, recreation programs, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D14. If Child 4 is in school (including kindergarten), do you make special arrangements for teachers' professional development days (P.A. days or P.D. days), Christmas Break or March Break? (Circle response number)

- 1 no special arrangements
- 2 special arrangements for some days
- 3 special arrangements for all days
- 4 Child 4 is not in school

IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE:

D14.1 What special child care arrangement do you usually make for these times? (Circle one response number)

- 1 you take time off work or school to look after your school-age children
- 2 your spouse or partner takes time off
- 3 child or children look after themselves
- 4 a relative, friend or caregiver provides care in your home
- 5 a relative, friend or caregiver provides care outside your home
- 6 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

D15. How far from your home is your main child care arrangement for Child 4?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres          \_\_\_\_\_ Child 4 does not have to travel

D16. How far from your home would you be willing to have Child 4 travel each day to a main child care arrangement?

up to \_\_\_\_\_ miles or \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres, one way

D17. What methods do you use most often for transporting Child 4 to your main child care arrangement? (Circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 you or your spouse/partner drive Child 4
- 2 someone else drives Child 4 by car
- 3 taxi
- 4 bus
- 5 walk
- 6 Child 4 does not have to travel
- 7 other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD CARE FOR ILL CHILDREN**

Sometimes parents who are working or studying need to make special child care arrangements when their children have colds, flu, or other illnesses which keep them away from their normal child care arrangements.

S1. Have you ever experienced this problem? (Circle response number)

1        yes                      2        no

**If you answered no, turn to the next section,  
if there is one, or to the last page.**

**If you answered yes, please continue with question S2.**

S2. How many days in the last twelve months have you experienced this problem? (Please estimate as well as you can)

\_\_\_\_\_ days

S3. What diseases or ailments have kept your children out of their regular child care arrangements over the last twelve months? (Please estimate the number of days for each disease/ailment)

Number of days	Disease/Ailment
_____	colds, coughs, runny nose, mild ear infection, mild fever
_____	diarrhea, upset stomach
_____	chicken pox
_____	recovering from a broken limb
_____	other (Please specify)
	_____
	_____

S4. What alternative child care arrangements have you made for care when your child(ren) have been too ill to attend their regular child care arrangements? (Circle all that apply)

- 1        you or your spouse/partner stayed home
- 2        child looked after him/herself
- 3        a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver provided child care in your home
- 4        a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver provided child care in their home
- 5        took the child to work
- 6        other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

S5. Which of these arrangements did you use most often when your child(ren) were too ill to attend their usual child care arrangements? (Circle only one response number)

- 1 you or your spouse/partner stayed home
  - 2 child looked after him/herself
  - 3 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver provided child care in your home
  - 4 a relative, friend, nanny or caregiver provided child care in their home
  - 5 took the child to work
  - 6 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
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S6. Of the following child care possibilities, which ones do you think you would ever use to care for a child who was mildly ill with an upper respiratory infection? (Circle all you would ever use)

- 1 a child care centre especially for children who are mildly ill
  - 2 a small group child care arrangement in a caregiver's home, with a caregiver trained in first aid and with supervision by a child care agency
  - 3 a caregiver, trained in first aid and supervised by a child care agency, who would come into your home to care for your sick child(ren)
  - 4 leave from work (for you or your spouse/partner) especially for family reasons like caring for sick child(ren)
  - 5 for children presently using a day care centre: modification of the regular day care centre program to accommodate mildly ill children; for example, setting aside and staffing a separate room for quiet play and rest for ill children
  - 6 other (Please describe)
- 

S7. Which three of the possibilities given in question S6 might you chose to use? Mark your first choice with a "1", your second choice with a "2", and your third choice with a "3".

- \_\_\_\_\_ a child care centre especially for children who are mildly ill
- \_\_\_\_\_ a small group child care arrangement in a caregiver's home, with a caregiver trained in first aid and with supervision by a child care agency
- \_\_\_\_\_ a caregiver, trained in first aid and supervised by a child care agency, who would come into your home to care for your sick child(ren)
- \_\_\_\_\_ leave from work (for you or your spouse/partner) especially for family reasons like caring for sick child(ren)
- \_\_\_\_\_ for children presently using a day care centre: modification of the regular day care centre program to accommodate mildly ill children; for example, setting aside and staffing a separate room for quiet play and rest for ill children
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (Please describe)
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S8. Would you be willing to pay for your first choice (in answer to question S7)? (Circle response number)

- 1        yes                            2        no

IF YES:

S8.1 How much per day would you be willing to pay for your first choice?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ hours of care

S8.2 At this price, how many days of care for your ill child(ren) would you probably have used over the last twelve months?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

S9. Did you or your spouse/partner ever stay home in the last twelve months to care for your ill child(ren)? (Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

IF YES:

S9.1 Which of the following were true? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1 you (or your spouse/partner) took unpaid leave for the period spent away from work.
- 2 you (or your spouse/partner) used sick days in order to care for sick child(ren).
- 3 you (or your spouse/partner) used vacation days and/or lieu time in order to care for a sick child(ren).
- 4 your (or your spouse's/partner's) relationship with co-workers or superiors was jeopardized because of the time away from work to care for sick child(ren).
- 5 you (or your spouse/partner) lost an opportunity for advancement at work because of time away to care for sick child(ren).
- 6 you (or your spouse/partner) was able to take time away from work to care for a sick child(ren) without much trouble.

S9.2 Which spouse/partner usually stayed home with your sick child(ren)? (Circle response number)

1 mother

2 father

3 both about equally

S9.3 How many days of pay have you and your spouse/partner lost during the last twelve months in order to provide care for your sick child(ren)?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

S10. Did a relative or friend ever provide child care for your sick child(ren) within the last twelve months? (Circle response number)

1 yes

2 no

IF YES:

S10.1 Did you pay the relative or friend? (Circle response number)

1 yes                      2 no

IF YES:

S10.2 How much per day did you pay for this care?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

S10.3 How difficult was it to arrange to have the friend or relative care for the child? (Circle response number)

- 1 not difficult at all
- 2 somewhat difficult
- 3 very difficult

S11. Did you arrange to have an in-home caregiver care for your sick child(ren) within the last twelve months? (Circle response number)

1 yes                      2 no

IF YES:

S11.1 How did you find the caregiver? (Circle response number)

- 1 a caregiver you knew
- 2 through a regulated child care agency
- 3 through a babysitting or homecare agency
- 4 through a friend or someone else you knew
- 5 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

S11.2 How difficult was it to arrange to have a caregiver care for the child in your home? (Circle response number)

- 1 not difficult at all
- 2 somewhat difficult
- 3 very difficult

**SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY CHILD CARE**

Sometimes parents who work or study need to make special child care arrangements when their child's regular caregiver falls ill, goes on holiday, quits suddenly or is unavailable for some other reason. Parents who stay at home also may need to make special child care arrangements for situations when the at-home parent is ill, has appointments or is otherwise unavailable for short periods of time.

- M1. Have you experienced this situation in the last twelve months? Please do not include times when your child was ill. (Circle response number)

1 yes   2 no

**If you answered no, please turn to the last page.**

**If you answered yes, please continue.**

- M2. How many days in the past twelve months have you experienced this situation? Please estimate as well as you can and do not include times when your child was ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ days

- M3. What alternative child care arrangements have you for your child in this situation? (Circle all you have used)

- 1          you or your spouse/partner stayed home
  - 2          child or children looked after themselves
  - 3          a relative or friend provided child care in your home
  - 4          a relative or friend provided child care in their home
  - 5          a caregiver came into my home
  - 6          took the child to a caregiver's home
  - 7          took the child to work
  - 6          other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- 

- M4. Which of these arrangements did you use most often in the last twelve months when emergencies arose? (Circle one response number)

- 1          you or your spouse/partner stayed home
- 2          child or children looked after themselves
- 3          a relative or friend provided child care in your home
- 4          a relative or friend provided child care in their home
- 5          a caregiver came into my home
- 6          took the child to a caregiver's home
- 7          took the child to work



8 other (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

M5. Did you or your spouse/partner stay home in the last twelve months because of a child care emergency? (Circle response number)

1 yes 2 no

IF YES:

M5.1 Which of the following were true? (circle all response numbers that apply)

- 1 you (or your spouse/partner) took unpaid leave for the period spent away from work.
- 2 you (or your spouse/partner) used sick days in order to care for your child(ren).
- 3 you (or your spouse/partner) used vacation and/or lieu time in order to care for your child(ren).
- 4 your (or your spouse's/partner's) relationship with co-workers or superiors was jeopardized because of the time away from work to care for your child(ren).
- 5 you (or your spouse/partner) lost an opportunity for advancement at work because of time away to deal with child care emergencies.
- 6 you (or your spouse/partner) experienced difficulties in taking time away from studying in order to deal with child care emergencies.
- 7 you (or your spouse/partner) was able to take time away from work or school without much trouble.

M5.2 Which parent usually stayed home to care for the child? (Circle response number)

1 mother 2 father 3 both equally

M5.3 How many days in the last twelve months did you or your spouse/partner lose a day's pay to provide emergency child care?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

M6. Did a relative or friend provide emergency child care for your child within the last twelve months? (Circle response number)

1 yes 2 no

IF YES:

M6.1 Did you pay the relative or friend? (Circle response number)

1 yes 2 no

M6.2 How much per day did you pay for this care?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ hours of care

M6.3 How difficult was it to arrange to have the friend or relative care for your child? (Circle response number)

- 1 not difficult at all
- 2 somewhat difficult
- 3 very difficult
- 4 it varies; sometimes easy, sometimes difficult

M7. Did you arrange to have a paid caregiver care for your child(ren) in an emergency situation within the last twelve months? (Circle response number)

- 1 yes
- 2 no

IF YES:

M7.1 How did you find the caregiver? (Circle response number)

- 1 you used a caregiver you knew
  - 2 through a babysitting or home care agency
  - 3 through a friend or someone else
  - 4 other (Please describe)
- 

M7.2 How difficult was it to arrange to get an emergency caregiver? (Circle response number)

- 1 not difficult at all
- 2 somewhat difficult
- 3 very difficult
- 4 it varies; sometimes easy, sometimes difficult

M8. Of the following child care possibilities, which do you think you would ever use in a short-term emergency situation ? (Circle response numbers for all you would use)

- 1 a child care centre especially for this purpose
  - 2 short-term emergency child care in a caregiver's home, supervised by a child care agency
  - 3 a caregiver supervised by a child care agency who would come into your home
  - 4 leave from work or school (for you or your spouse/partner) especially for family reasons
  - 5 other (Please describe)
- 

M8.1 Which of the possibilities given in question M8 would be your first choice?

(Circle only one response number)

- 1 a child care centre especially for this purpose
  - 2 short-term emergency child care in a caregiver's home, supervised by a child care agency
  - 3 a caregiver supervised by a child care agency who would come into your home
  - 4 leave from work or school (for you or your spouse/partner) especially for family reasons
  - 5 other (Please describe)
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M8.2 How much per day would you be willing to pay for this first choice? (In the case of leave from work for family reasons, how much pay would you be willing to give up per day?)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ hours of care

M8.3 At this cost, how many days of short-term emergency care for your child would you probably have used over the last twelve months?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

### CHILD CARE DURING UNUSUAL OR EXTENDED HOURS

Child care services which only operate during regular daytime and weekday hours are not appropriate to meet some families' needs. These families sometimes need child care outside of the normal working day, for extended periods of time, during evenings or weekends, or at unusual hours.

X1. Have you experienced this special need for child care during unusual hours in the last twelve months? Please do not include times when you or your child(ren) were ill or in an emergency situation. (Circle response number)

- 1 yes                                    2 no

**If you answered no, turn to the next section,  
if there is one, or to the last page.**

**IF YES:**

X2. Which of the following most closely reflects your situation? (Circle the most appropriate response number)

- 1        you usually work days, between about 8:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
- 2 you usually begin work before 8:30 A.M.
- 3        you usually finish work later than 6:00 P.M.
- 4        you usually work into or through the night
- 5        you usually work on a schedule which rotates between different shifts
- 6        you usually work days but occasionally work overtime into the evenings or on weekends
- 7        you usually work on weekends as well as weekdays
- 8        other                                    (Please                                    describe)

X3. **Answer this question only if you live with a spouse or partner.**  
Which of the following most closely reflects your spouse/partner's situation? (Circle one response number)

- 1        your spouse/partner usually works days between 8:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
- 2        your spouse/partner usually begins work before 8:30 A.M.
- 3        your spouse/partner usually finishes work later than 6:00 P.M.
- 4        your spouse/partner usually works into or through the night
- 5        your spouse/partner usually works on rotating shifts
- 6        your spouse/partner usually works days but occasionally works overtime into the evenings or on weekends
- 7        your spouse/partner usually works on weekends as well as weekdays
- 8        other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

X4. Have you ever had difficulty making child care arrangements because of your unusual work schedules? (Circle response number)

- 1        yes, frequently  
2        yes, but only occasionally

3 no

X5. Which of these child care arrangements would be your first three choices, if they were all conveniently located, available during your work hours and at a price you could afford? Mark your first choice with a "1", your second choice with a "2", and your third choice with a "3".

- 1 child care centre, full time
- 2 child care centre, part time
- 3 regulated care in a caregiver's home (supervised by a private home daycare agency)
- 4 unregulated care in a caregiver's home
- 5 care by a relative or friend
- 6 care provided by a caregiver or nanny in your own home
- 7 my spouse/partner and I would arrange our shifts so we could provide most of the child care needed
- 8 other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

X6. Would you be willing to pay for your first choice (given in answer to question X5)? (Circle response number)

1 yes    2 no

IF YES:

X6.1 How much per day would you be willing to pay for your first choice?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ hours of care

X6.2 At this price, how many days per week of extended hours child care would you probably have used over the last twelve months?

\_\_\_\_\_ days