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QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD3578 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SURVEY 2019

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Early childhood education and care survey 2019

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey regarding childcare arrangements for four-year-olds!

The questions in this survey concern your child who was born between **1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015**. We refer to your child as a **4-year-old, even though he or she might not yet have turned four**. We'd like you to answer the survey questions based on the **current circumstances of your 4-year-old child**.

The survey uses the terms *day care* and *early childhood education and care* refer to day care provided at day care centres and in family and group family day care.

Please be sure to read the instructions carefully because they explain which questions we want you to answer. The content of the questions addressed to each respondent depends on the child's care arrangements and the respondent's employment status.

The privacy notice for the survey is available at **XXXXXXX**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

1. What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Other

2. Your year of birth? E.g. 1980 _____

3. Are you currently

- 1 Cohabiting
- 2 Married or in a registered partnership
- 3 Separated / Divorced
- 4 Unmarried / Single
- 5 Widowed

If you are separated/divorced, unmarried/single or widowed, skip to question 5.

4. Is your spouse or partner

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Other

5. Who are you living with? *Choose all applicable options.*

- 1 Partner
- 2 Joint children between my partner and me
- 3 My other children
- 4 My partner's other children
- 5 Other adults
- 6 Other children

6. How many of the children who live with you are aged ...

Include the child for whom you are completing this survey.

- 1 0 years _____
- 2 1 years _____
- 3 2 years _____
- 4 3 years _____
- 5 4 years _____
- 6 5 years _____
- 7 6 years _____
- 8 7-13 years _____
- 9 14-17 years _____
- 10 18 years or over _____

7. What are your child's living arrangements?

- 1 The parents live together and the child lives with the parents
- 2 The parents live separately and the child spends alternate weeks living with each parent or equal amounts of time with both parents
- 3 The parents live separately and the child lives primarily or only with me
- 4 The parents live separately and the child lives primarily or only with the other parent
- 5 I am the child's only parent and the child lives with me
- 6 The child has some other living arrangement (e.g. with a relative or foster parents)
- 7 Other, please specify? _____

If you don't have a spouse or partner, answer questions 8-10 for yourself only.

8. What is your higher education background? What about your spouse's or partner's?
Select the highest applicable option only.

	Me	Partner
1 No vocational qualification	1	2
2 Vocational course or equivalent	1	2
3 Vocational school or other vocational qualification	1	2
4 Post-secondary non-higher vocational qualification (e.g. polytechnic)	1	2
5 Lower university of applied sciences degree	1	2
6 Higher university of applied sciences degree	1	2
7 Lower university degree	1	2
8 Higher university degree	1	2

9. What is your current main activity? What about your spouse's or partner's?
Select one option only.

	Me	Partner
1 Stay-at-home parent	1	2
2 In full-time employment	1	2
3 In part-time employment	1	2
4 Currently laid-off	1	2
5 Unemployed	1	2
6 In education	1	2
7 On long-term sick leave	1	2
8 Retired	1	2
9 Undertaking work experience, labour market training or similar	1	2
10 Undertaking military or non-military service	1	2
11 Other, please specify? _____	1	2

10. If you or your spouse or partner are doing something else alongside your current main activity, you can select any other applicable options.

	Me	Partner
1 No other activity	1	2
2 Stay-at-home parent	1	2
3 In full-time employment	1	2
4 In part-time employment	1	2
5 Currently laid-off	1	2
6 Unemployed	1	2
7 In education	1	2
8 On long-term sick leave	1	2
9 Retired	1	2
10 Undertaking work experience, labour market training or similar	1	2
11 Undertaking military or non-military service	1	2
12 Other, please specify? _____	1	2

YOUR 4-YEAR-OLD'S CARE ARRANGEMENTS

11. What childcare or early childhood education arrangements do you have in place for your 4-year-old? You can select more than one option.

- 1 I look after my child at home
- 2 My spouse or partner / The child's other parent looks after my child at home
- 3 An unpaid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. a grandparent)
- 4 An unpaid carer looks after my child outside our home (e.g. a grandparent)
- 5 Municipal day care centre
- 6 Municipal family day care
- 7 Municipal group family day care
- 8 Private day care centre
- 9 Private family day care
- 10 Private group family day care
- 11 A paid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)
- 12 A paid carer looks after my child outside our home
- 13 Other, please specify? _____

*If your 4-year-old is in a **private day care centre**, answer question 12. Otherwise move on to question 13.*

12. Is your 4-year-old's private day care centre run by ...?

- 1 A private company (e.g. Touhula, Norlandia, Pilke, Ankkalampi, Tähtipäiväkodit)
- 2 A non-profit organization, association, parish, etc.
- 3 I don't know. If you want you can give the name of the day care centre _____

13. How satisfied are you with the childcare arrangements in place for your 4-year-old?

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Extremely satisfied

14. If you have other under school-age children living with you in addition to your 4-year-old, are any of them cared for at home? You can select more than one option.

	Yes	No	Not applicable
1 children younger than your 4-year-old	1	2	3
2 children older than your 4-year-old	1	2	3

4-YEAR-OLD CARED AT HOME

If your child is in part-time or full-time care in a day care centre or in family or group family day care, go directly to the section 4-YEAR-OLD IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE, question 29.

*If you are looking after your child at home **yourself**, answer question 15. Otherwise skip to question 16.*

15. How important are the following factors to your decision to arrange your 4-year-old's care at home?

PARENT'S SITUATION	Not at all important	Fairly important	Very important	Not applicable to me
1 I do not have a job or a place to study	1	2	3	4
2 I do not have a career or work experience	1	2	3	4
3 My working hours are difficult	1	2	3	4
4 My commute is long / difficult	1	2	3	4
5 My earnings are low	1	2	3	4
6 I want to take a break from working	1	2	3	4
7 I do not enjoy my job	1	2	3	4
8 My work is too fast-paced	1	2	3	4
9 The atmosphere at my workplace is not good	1	2	3	4
10 My partner works difficult hours	1	2	3	4
11 My health is poor	1	2	3	4
12 I look after several children at home	1	2	3	4
FINANCES				
13 Public support has made it possible for me to stay at home	1	2	3	4
14 It does not make financial sense for me to work	1	2	3	4
15 Our income is large enough that I don't have to work	1	2	3	4
CHILD'S SITUATION				
16 Reasons relating to my child's health	1	2	3	4
17 My child has special growth, development and learning needs	1	2	3	4
18 My child is too young to be looked after outside our home	1	2	3	4
19 Home care allows my child to follow their own daily rhythm	1	2	3	4
20 Home care suits my child	1	2	3	4
SERVICES				
21 I am not happy with the quality of early education and care	1	2	3	4
22 My preferred day care provider is oversubscribed	1	2	3	4
23 Part-time day care is the only service available	1	2	3	4
24 It's a long / difficult commute for us to day care	1	2	3	4
25 Open early childhood education activities (e.g. club and playground activities) are all our child needs	1	2	3	4
VALUES AND IDEALS				
26 I want to spend time with my child	1	2	3	4
27 I enjoy being at home	1	2	3	4
28 I believe the mother of a 4-year-old should stay at home	1	2	3	4
29 I believe the father of a 4-year-old should stay at home	1	2	3	4
30 My spouse or partner wants me to look after the child at home	1	2	3	4
31 I do not want other people to look after my child	1	2	3	4
32 Other, please specify? _____	1	2	3	4

16. The municipality, church or other non-profits sometimes provide open early childhood education services for small children (e.g. clubs and playground activities). Does your 4-year-old who is in home care participate in any of the following?

You can select more than one option.

<i>Activities for children only</i>	3-5 days a week	1-2 days a week	Occasionally	Never
1 Open early childhood education activities organized by the <u>municipality</u> (e.g. children's playgroups)	1	2	3	4
2 Open early childhood education activities organized by the <u>church or other non-profit</u> (e.g. MLL)	1	2	3	4
<i>Activities for children and parents</i>				
3 Open early childhood education activities organized by the <u>municipality</u> (e.g. family club, family cafe)	1	2	3	4
4 Open early childhood education activities organized by the <u>church or other non-profit</u> (e.g. MLL)	1	2	3	4

17. Do you expect your child's day care arrangements to change during the next 6 months?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

If you answered Yes to question 17, answer question 18. Otherwise skip to question 20.

18. What form of childcare do you intend to use?

You can select more than one option.

- 1 Municipal day care centre
- 2 Municipal family day care
- 3 Municipal group family day care
- 4 Private day care centre
- 5 Private family day care
- 6 Private group family day care
- 7 A paid carer at home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)
- 8 A paid carer outside the home
- 9 Other, please specify? _____

If in question 18 you selected option 1–6, answer question 19. Otherwise move on to question 20.

19. Is the out-of-home child care you have chosen ...?

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 3 Alternate (evenings, nights and/or weekends)

20. To what age do you plan to look after your 4-year-old at home? *Until the child is.....*

- 1 3.5-years-old
- 2 4-years-old
- 3 4.5-years-old
- 4 5-years-old
- 5 5.5-years-old
- 6 6-years-old
- 7 6.5-years-old
- 8 Don't know

21. Has your child at some stage been in day care outside the home (in a day care centre, in family or group family day care, or in the care of a paid carer)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

If you answered Yes to question 21, answer questions 22–28 according to your own situation.

If you answered No to question 21, go directly to the question 28.

22. At what age did your 4-year-old child first start in day care outside the home (in a day care centre, in family or group family day care, or with a paid carer)?

E.g. 1 years 5 months.

Years _____
Months _____

23. Was your child in out-of-home care in a single stretch or in different spells?

- 1 In a single stretch
- 2 In two spells
- 3 In three or more spells

24. Which of the following out-of-home day care settings has your 4-year-old attended so far?

If your child has been in two different municipal day care centres, for instance, select "2 different settings" on that line. You can select more than one option.

	In 1	2 different settings	3 different settings	4 different settings
1 Municipal day care centre	1	2	3	4
2 Municipal family day care	1	2	3	4
3 Municipal group family day care	1	2	3	4
4 Private day care centre	1	2	3	4
5 Private family day care	1	2	3	4
6 Private group family day care	1	2	3	4
7 A paid carer looking after my child at our home or outside our home	1	2	3	4

25. At what age did your 4-year-old who is now in home care last leave out-of-home day care?
E.g. 3 years and 4 months.

Years _____
Months _____

26. What reasons influenced the changes in your 4-year-old's care arrangements?
You can select more than one option.

- 1 Change in guardian's job / studies
- 2 Change in family circumstances (e.g. moving house, parents' divorce)
- 3 Sibling's birth
- 4 Getting the child into the same day care with sibling
- 5 Reasons related to the child's education, development and health
- 6 Better location of day care
- 7 Dissatisfaction with day care staff
- 8 Practices of how groups were formed in day care (e.g. child's age, group size)
- 9 Dissatisfaction with day care provider (other reasons than those mentioned above)
- 10 Closure of day care facility
- 11 Decision made by municipal authority or day care facility
- 12 Other reason, please specify? _____

27. If you want you can describe in more detail how your 4-year-old's care arrangements have changed and why.

28. Are there any other important consideration impacting your 4-year-old's care arrangements you would like to mention:

4-YEAR-OLD IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Answer the following questions if your child is in part-time or full-time early childhood education and care (municipal or private day care centre, or in family or group family day care). Otherwise go directly to the section DEVELOPMENT OF 4-YEAR-OLD, question 50.

29. How important were the following factors to the decision to put your child in early childhood education and day care (day care centre, family or group family day care)?

	Not at all important	Fairly important	Very important	Not applicable to us
1. Guardian's job or studies	1	2	3	4
2. Other children's company	1	2	3	4
3. Supporting the child's growth and learning	1	2	3	4
4. The child is keen to participate in activities	1	2	3	4
5. Additional needs related to the child's health or development	1	2	3	4
6. Expert's recommendation (e.g. psychology, doctor, social worker)	1	2	3	4
7. Reasons related to guardian's health or need for support	1	2	3	4
8. Education and day care is free of charge or affordable	1	2	3	4
9. Our family cannot afford to care for our 4-year-old at home	1	2	3	4
10. Early childhood education and day care is where a 4-year-old belongs	1	2	3	4
11. Concern about losing a familiar day care setting if the child temporarily drops out of care (because of parent's unemployment, for instance).	1	2	3	4
12. Other, please specify? _____	1	2	3	4

30. How important were the following factors to the choice of the 4-year-old's current early childhood education and care facility?

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Not applicable to us
1 Specialist provision (e.g. sport, languages, music, art, or environment/outdoors)	1	2	3	4	5
2 Values (e.g. environmental issues, religion?)	1	2	3	4	5
3 High quality pedagogy	1	2	3	4	5
4 Multi-culturalism	1	2	3	4	5
5 Opening hours	1	2	3	4	5
6 Atmosphere	1	2	3	4	5
7 Home-like atmosphere	1	2	3	4	5
8 Company of other children	1	2	3	4	5
9 Siblings attend same provider	1	2	3	4	5
10 Convenient location (e.g. in relation to home or place of work or study)	1	2	3	4	5
11 Size of the child group	1	2	3	4	5
12 Recommendations by acquaintances	1	2	3	4	5
13 Our / my previous experiences	1	2	3	4	5
14 Providing additional support for children (e.g. health and developmental issues)	1	2	3	4	5
15 Rich and varied learning environment (e.g. facilities, equipment)	1	2	3	4	5

31. How many days a week is your 4-year-old typically in day care?

- 1 1 day per week
- 2 2 days per week
- 3 3 days per week
- 4 4 days per week
- 5 5 days per week
- 6 6 days per week
- 7 7 days per week

32. How many hours on average does your 4-year-old spend in day care each day?

_____ hours

33. Does your 4-year-old attend day and night care? (Care that's provided 18:00–06:00 on weekdays and/or at weekends)

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

34. Do the hours / days your 4-year-old spends at day care meet your wishes?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

35. How much does your family pay in childcare costs for your 4-year-old and all children per month?

If only your 4-year-old is in early childhood education and care, give your answer for this child.

	4-year-old's childcare costs	All children's childcare costs
0 €/pcm	1	2
1-99 €/pcm	1	2
100-199 €/pcm	1	2
200-299 €/pcm	1	2
300-399 €/pcm	1	2
400-499 €/pcm	1	2
500-599 €/pcm	1	2
600-699 €/pcm	1	2
700-799 €/pcm	1	2
800-899 €/pcm	1	2
900 €/pcm or more	1	2
I don't know	1	2

36. How satisfied are you with your 4-year-old's current early childhood education and care?

Select one option for each line.

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know
1 Process of arranging day care	1	2	3	4	5
2 Location	1	2	3	4	5
3 Supervised activities	1	2	3	4	5
4 Staffing levels	1	2	3	4	5
5 Staff stability	1	2	3	4	5
6 Safety	1	2	3	4	5
7 Cost of early childhood care	1	2	3	4	5
8 Staff professional skills	1	2	3	4	5
9 Size of the child group	1	2	3	4	5
10 Pedagogical principles	1	2	3	4	5
11 How child's heritage is taken into account	1	2	3	4	5
12 Support for your child's development	1	2	3	4	5
13 Daytime nap	1	2	3	4	5
14 Health and hygiene of premises	1	2	3	4	5
15 Staff and child interaction	1	2	3	4	5
16 Day care opening hours	1	2	3	4	5
17 Day care atmosphere	1	2	3	4	5
18 Staff and parent interaction	1	2	3	4	5
19 Individual attention given to child	1	2	3	4	5
20 Meals provided in day care	1	2	3	4	5
21 Day care provider's resources	1	2	3	4	5
22 Access to information about day care	1	2	3	4	5
23 Support for learning	1	2	3	4	5

37. The following questions concern your cooperation with day care and early education staff. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements?

	I strongly disagree	I disagree	I neither agree nor disagree	I agree	I strongly agree
1. I discuss issues concerning my child's care, education and development with day care professionals	1	2	3	4	5
2. When my child exhibits behavioral issues, I have to resolve them without help from day care professionals	1	2	3	4	5
3. Day care professionals asks for my opinion and suggestions on educational issues concerning my child	1	2	3	4	5
4. Day care professionals pay attention to what I say	1	2	3	4	5
5. I respect day care professionals	1	2	3	4	5
6. Day care professionals respect me	1	2	3	4	5
7. I tell day care professionals, when I'm concerned or worried about my child	1	2	3	4	5
8. Day care professionals are honest and upfront even when they have bad news	1	2	3	4	5
9. I feel welcome at my child's day care setting	1	2	3	4	5

38. If you consider how your 4-year-old has enjoyed going to day care and early childhood education during the past four weeks, have you found that ...

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Always
1 Your child enjoys going to day care	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 Your child avoids contact with other children	1	2	3	4	5	6
3 Your child finds it difficult to say goodbye to the parents and is distressed or inconsolable	1	2	3	4	5	6
4 Your child does not feel at ease in the group	1	2	3	4	5	6
5 Your child really enjoys the games and play materials available	1	2	3	4	5	6
6 Your child receives individual, one-and-one attention from the care givers and teachers	1	2	3	4	5	6

39. At what age did your 4-year-old first go to out-of-home care (day care, family or group family day care, or a paid carer)? E.g. 1 years 5 months.

Years _____
Months _____

40. Since starting in out-of-home care, has your 4-year-old attended out-of-home care all the time without interruption or in several spells? Disregard summer holidays or other similar breaks.

- 1 Without interruption in one stretch
- 2 In two spells
- 3 In three or more spells

If your answer to question 40 was "Without interruption", move on to question 43.

41. How many home day care spells longer than 2 months has your 4-year-old had since moving to early childhood education and care / out-of-home care? Disregard summer holidays or other similar breaks.

_____ (number)

42. At what age did your 4-year-old last move to out-of-home care (day care, family or group family day care, or paid carer)?

Years _____
Months _____

43. Which of the following day care and early education settings has your 4-year-old attended so far?

If your child has been in two different municipal day care centres, for instance, select “2 different settings” on that line. You can select more than one option.

	In 1	2 different settings	3 different settings	4 different settings
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

44. What reasons influenced the changes in your 4-year-old’s care arrangements?

You can select more than one option.

- 1 Change in guardian’s job / studies
- 2 Change in family circumstances (e.g. moving house, parents’ divorce)
- 3 Sibling’s birth
- 4 Getting the child into the same day care with sibling
- 5 Reasons related to the child’s education, development and health
- 6 Better location of day care
- 7 Dissatisfaction with day care staff
- 8 Practices of how groups were formed in day care (e.g. child’s age, group size)
- 9 Dissatisfaction with day care provider (other reasons than those mentioned above)
- 10 Closure of day care facility
- 11 Decision made by municipal authority or day care facility
- 12 Other reason, please specify _____

45. If you want you can describe in more detail how your 4-year-old’s care arrangements have changed and why.

46. Do you expect your 4-year-old’s day care arrangements to change during the next 6 months?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

If you answered Yes to question 46, answer question 47. Otherwise go directly to the section DEVELOPMENT OF 4-YEAR-OLD, question 50.

47. What form of childcare do you intend to use?

You can select more than one option.

- 1 I will look after my child at home
- 2 My spouse / the child's other parent will look after the child at home
- 3 An unpaid carer at home (e.g. grandparent)
- 4 An unpaid carer outside the home (e.g. grandparent)
- 5 Municipal day care centre
- 6 Municipal family day care
- 7 Municipal group family day care
- 8 Private day care centre
- 9 Private family day care
- 10 Private group family day care
- 11 A paid carer at home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)
- 12 A paid carer outside the home
- 13 Other, please specify? _____

If in question 47 you selected option 5-10, answer question 48. Otherwise go directly to the question 49.

48. Is the out-of-home childcare you have chosen ...

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 3 Alternate (evenings, nights and/or weekends)

49. Are there any other important consideration impacting your 4-year-old's care arrangements you would like to mention:

DEVELOPMENT OF 4-YEAR-OLD

50. How well do the following statements describe your 4-year-old?

(1=much less than average, 4= average and 7=much more than average)

My child.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 is always on the move	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 gives up quickly when learning a new task	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3 is fearful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4 is cheerful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 is insecure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 is sociable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 is creative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 is intelligent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 is stubborn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 is lively and enthusiastic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11 has a short attention span	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12 is afraid of a lot of things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13 is emotionally upset	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14 is happy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15 is slow to warm to new people and situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16 is outgoing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17 shows an interest in many things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My child...							
18 learns quickly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19 is hard-headed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20 is physically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21 is distracted	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22 is helpful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23 whines	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24 is good tempered	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25 prefers to be alone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26 loves to be with people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27 is interested in new things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28 is quick to understand what is said to him / her	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29 wants things his / her own way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30 is energetic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31 has difficulty concentrating on tasks for more than a few minutes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32 complains about other people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
33 is withdrawn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
34 argues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My child....							
35 likes to play outdoors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
36 is loving	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37 speaks well	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
38 loves to play sports	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
39 lacks confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
40 is caring	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
41 forgets things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
42 gets angry	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
43 makes friends easily	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
44 is considerate of others feelings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
45 gets feelings hurt	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

46 has a sense of humour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
47 is a joy to be with	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
48 is thoughtful of others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
49 is shy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My child.....							
50 has a large vocabulary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
51 has difficulty adjusting to new situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
52 has a vivid imagination	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
53 has good thinking ability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
54 has a lot of friends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

51. On how many days during the past week has a family member done the following with your 4-year-old?

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days	Not at all
1 Read a book to the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2 Told a made-up story to the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3 Done arts and crafts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4 Sung, danced or done some other musical activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5 Played board games or other games indoors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6 Done household chores (e.g. cooking, cleaning, looking after pets)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7 Gone out cycling, to a playground, walking, to your own backyard to play etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8 Encouraged a child's interest in letters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Encouraged a child's interest in numbers and/or different shapes (circle, square, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 Used a computer, tablet and/or phone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11 Engaged in messy activities, such as painting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12 Taken the child to fee-based activities outside the home (e.g. dance classes, swimming, music school, gymnastics, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13 Talked with the child about the day's events and highlights	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14 Held the child in their lap, embraced or caressed the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15 Listened to the child and considered the child's opinion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16 Fooled around with the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

*If you are the 4-year-old's mother / the parent who gave birth, move on to the section FAMILY LEAVES.
If you are the father / the other parent, answer question 51.*

52. On how many days during the past week have you done the following with the 4-year-old?

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days	Not at all
1 Read a book to the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2 Told a made-up story to the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3 Done arts and crafts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4 Sung, danced or done some other musical activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5 Played board games or other games indoors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6 Done household chores (e.g. cooking, cleaning, looking after pets)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7 Gone out cycling, to a playground, walking, to your own backyard to play etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8 Encouraged a child's interest in letters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Encouraged a child's interest in numbers and/or different shapes (circle, square, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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13 Talked with the child about the day's events and highlights	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14 Held the child in their lap, embraced or caressed the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15 Listened to the child and considered the child's opinion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16 Fooled around with the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Family leave

Maternity leave can be commenced 50 days before the due date and it lasts until the child is 3 months.

Paternity leave entitlement is 9 weeks and can be claimed until the child turns 2.

Parental leave can be taken by either parent when the child is aged between 3 and 10 months. After parental leave (when the child is over 10 months) either parent is eligible to receive child home care allowance / child care leave until the child turns 3.

53. Have the parents / guardians taken family leave with the 4-year-old?

	Yes	No	Not applicable
Mother / parent who gave birth	1	2	3
Father / other parent	1	2	3

If in question 53 you answered Yes to mother / parent who gave birth, answer question 54.

54. How long was the mother / parent who gave birth on family leave with the 4-year-old?

On maternity and parental leave (0-10 months) _____ months

On child care leave / home care allowance (0-27 months) _____ months

If in question 53 you answered Yes to father / other parent, answer questions 55 and 56 and then move on to question 58.

If in question 53 you answered No to father / other parent, move on to question 57.

If in question 53 you answered Not applicable to father / other parent, move on to question 58.

55. How long was the father / other parent on parental leave with the 4-year-old?

Include paternity leave, parental leave and child care leave / looking after the child on child home care allowance. Do not include annual holidays from work.

- 1 1-3 weeks
- 2 4-9 weeks
- 3 3-6 months
- 4 7-12 months
- 5 more than 12 months

56. Father / other parent chose to take family leave because?

Choose up to three of the options that most apply to you.

- 1 Father / other parent wanted to spend more time with the child
- 2 Father / other parent wanted to have a career break
- 3 Father / other parent wanted to allow the mother to return to work / studies
- 4 Father / other parent wanted to help the mother
- 5 Father / other parent became unemployed
- 6 Father / other parent considered parenting a joint responsibility
- 7 Mother wanted the father / other parent to take family leave
- 8 Father / other parent should look after the child at home
- 9 Other, please specify? _____

57. Why has the 4-year-old's father / other parent chosen not to take any family leave at all or to take more family leave?

Choose up to three of the options that most apply to you.

- 1 We were not aware of the father's / other parent's entitlement to family leave
- 2 The child's mother wanted to look after the child at home herself
- 3 Father / other parent did not consider family leave necessary
- 4 Father / other parent was not working
- 5 Mother did not have a job
- 6 The employer did not consider family leave feasible
- 7 Time pressures at work prevented the father from taking family leave
- 8 Instability at the work place/ lack of certainty about job security prevented the father for taking parental leave
- 9 Taking family leave would not have been financially possible for us
- 10 The father / other parent believed the mother should look after the children
- 11 The mother did not want the father/ other parent to take family leave
- 12 Other, please specify? _____

If you were on family leave yourself (maternity, parental or paternity leave and / or on child care leave / on home care allowance), answer question 58. Otherwise go directly to the section WORK.

58. Did you move into gainful employment (employee, self-employed, freelance etc.) after taking family leave to look after your 4-year-old?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

If you answered Yes to question 58, answer question 59. Otherwise go directly to the section WORK.

59. Did the following factors influence the timing of your return to work or the duration of family leave?

	Not at all	Only a little	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much	Not applicable
1 Family finances were tight	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 I am able to realise my potential at work	1	2	3	4	5	6
3 I was worried I would lose my job	1	2	3	4	5	6
4 Changes were on their way in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5	6
5 I missed the company of other adults	1	2	3	4	5	6
6 I got a new job	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 I like my job	1	2	3	4	5	6
8 The atmosphere in my workplace is good	1	2	3	4	5	6
9 My job pays well	1	2	3	4	5	6
10 My job is suitable light	1	2	3	4	5	6
11 Full-time childcare is not for me	1	2	3	4	5	6
12 My partner stayed at home to look after our child	1	2	3	4	5	6
13 My line manager asked me to come back to work	1	2	3	4	5	6
14 The situation at the workplace meant I had to go back to work	1	2	3	4	5	6
15 Maintaining my professional skills	1	2	3	4	5	6
16 Accumulating work experience	1	2	3	4	5	6
17 My job is important to me	1	2	3	4	5	6
18 I was worried a long absence would compromise my opportunities for career progression	1	2	3	4	5	6
19 We found a suitable child care placement for our child	1	2	3	4	5	6
20 Payment of the home care allowance ended	1	2	3	4	5	6
21 Payment of the municipal supplement to the home care allowance ended	1	2	3	4	5	6
22 I wanted to change	1	2	3	4	5	6
23 Convenient working hours	1	2	3	4	5	6
24 Other, please specify?	1	2	3	4	5	6

WORK

60. Were you in gainful employment before the birth of your 4-year-old?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, I was working as an employee
- 3 Yes, I was self-employed / had my own company
- 4 Yes, I was freelancing / working on a grant

If you answered Yes, I was working as an employee to question 60, answer question 61. Otherwise move on to question 62.

61. Was your employment contract

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Fixed-term

62. Are you currently in employment? *Disregard annual holidays or other short breaks from work.*

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, I am working as an employee
- 3 Yes, I am self-employed / I have my own company
- 4 Yes, I am freelancing / working on a grant

If you answered No to question 62, answer question 63.

If you answered Yes, I am working as an employee to question 62, move on to question 64.

If you answered Yes, I am self-employed/ I have my own company or Yes, I am freelancing / working on a grant to question 62, move on to question 65.

63. Do you currently have a job (a current employment contract or an active business, regardless of whether you are working at this moment)?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, a current employment contract
- 3 Yes, I run an active business

If you answered Yes, a current employment contract to question 63, answer the following questions.

If you answered Yes, I run an active business to question 63, move on to question 65.

If you answered No to question 63, you can go directly to the section YOUR WELL-BEING AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES.

64. Is your current employment contract

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Fixed-term

65. What is your working time pattern?

- 1 Regular daytime hours
- 2 Shift work
- 3 Regular evening, night, morning or weekend shifts
- 4 Other working hours

66. How would you describe yourself?

- 1 Blue-collar worker
- 2 Lower white-collar worker
- 3 Upper white-collar worker
- 4 Director
- 5 Self-employed
- 6 Other

67. How many hours do you work per week on average, including your contracted hours, overtime hours and additional paid work carried out at home?

_____ hours.

YOUR WELL-BEING AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

68. Over the past four weeks, how much of your time have you spent feeling: *Select one option on each line.*

time	None of the	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	Most of the time	All of the time
1 Very nervous	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 So low that nothing could cheer you up	1	2	3	4	5	6
3 Calm and relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6
4 Sad and low	1	2	3	4	5	6
5 Happy	1	2	3	4	5	6

69. During the past 6 months which of the 4-year-old's parents has been responsible for the following?

If the 4-year-old is not in day care or early education, select the option "Not applicable to my family" for those items.

	Me always	Me more often	Both parents equally	Other parent more often	Other parent always	Someone else	Not applicable to my family
1 Playing and doing things with the child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 Child care (e.g. washing, dressing, meals)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3 Care of sick child (caring for the child at home, accompanying the child to the hospital, taking the child to the doctor, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4 Supporting the child's friendships (e.g. contact with other parents and arranging meetings)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 Making decisions concerning the child or planning on behalf of child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 Taking the child to leisure activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 Taking the child to day care or other care	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Communication and contact with day care or other care services (e.g. attending parents' evenings or discussions on early childhood education and care)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

70. How satisfied are you with yourself as a parent?

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2 Fairly dissatisfied
- 3 Fairly satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

FINANCIAL SITUATION

71. How would you assess your family's current financial situation?

- 1 Extremely poor
- 2 Fairly poor
- 3 Fair
- 4 Good
- 5 Excellent

72. What roughly is your family's net monthly income at the moment? *Please indicate your take-home income after taxes, including wage and salary earnings, business income and all benefits and allowances received (e.g. Kela benefits, unemployment benefits)*

- 1 € 500 or less
- 2 501 – 1000
- 3 1001 – 1500
- 4 1501 – 2000
- 5 2001 – 2500
- 6 2501 – 3000
- 7 3001 – 4000
- 8 4001 – 5000
- 9 5001 – 6000
- 10 6001 – 7000
- 11 7001 – 8000
- 12 more than € 8000

73. Do you receive any of the following benefits to supplement family income or to provide for the care of your 4-year-old (or other child)?

Different municipalities have different types of child care subsidies.

You can select more than one option.

- 1 We receive no subsidies

Child care subsidies

- 2 Child home care allowance (care allowance and possibly care supplement paid by Kela)
- 3 Municipal supplement to child home care allowance (e.g. Helsinki supplement, Hamina supplement, discretionary municipal supplement, paid by municipality)
- 4 Private care allowance (care allowance and possibly care supplement paid by Kela)
- 5 Municipal supplement to private care allowance (paid by municipality)
- 6 Service voucher for day care and early education (paid by municipality)
- 7 Service allowance (compensation paid by the municipality for the home care of the private childminder's own children)
- 8 Flexible care allowance (to allow parents to work shorter hours when the child is under three)
- 9 Partial care allowance (to allow parents to work shorter hours when the child is in the first or second grade at school)
- 10 Maternity, paternity or parental allowance

Other benefits

- 11 Student aid
- 12 Housing allowance
- 13 Earnings-related unemployment allowance, job-seeker's allowance or labour market support
- 14 Disability pension
- 15 Social assistance
- 16 Other, please specify _____

74. Is making ends meet with your income

- 1 very difficult
- 2 difficult
- 3 rather difficult
- 4 rather easy
- 5 easy
- 6 very easy

Early childhood education and care

Early childhood education and care refers here to day care and pre-primary education at a day care centre or in family day care. Day care centres and family day care are mostly public services provided by the municipality, but private service provision has increased especially in urban and densely populated areas. Local authorities subsidize the use of private services by issuing service vouchers and /or paying a municipal supplement to the private care allowance.

Right to early childhood education and care

The right to early childhood education and care (formerly the subjective right to day care) refers to the child's legislatively-mandated right to care and pre-primary education provided or financed by local authorities when parental allowance is no longer paid. However the child is not eligible to receive early childhood education and care if the child's guardian receives a child home care allowance. If the child's guardian is staying at home due to unemployment or for other reasons, the child's right to early childhood education and care is limited by legislation to 20 hours a week. However local authorities may decide to ignore this rule, and indeed some have done so.

Home care allowance

When a child under three is not in municipal day care at a day care centre or in a family day care programme, the child's guardian may apply for a child home care allowance. The allowance can also be granted for the child's under school age siblings. The home care allowance includes a care allowance, which is not affected by family income; and a care supplement, which is dependent on overall family income. Furthermore, some local authorities pay families a municipal supplement to the child home care allowance. The amount and conditions for the receipt of this supplement vary from municipality to municipality.

Length of paternity leave

Paternity leave is currently 9 weeks (54 weekdays). A maximum of three weeks of this leave may be taken at the same as the child's mother is on maternity or parental leave. Fathers can take the remaining six weeks or their whole paternity leave after the end of parental leave but before the child turns two. An earnings-related or minimum paternity allowance is paid for the duration of paternity leave.

Free early childhood education and care for 5-year-olds

In autumn 2018 the Ministry of Education and Culture launched a two-year experiment under which 5-year-old children in selected municipalities receive 20 hours of early childhood education and care a week free of charge. The aim of the fees-free experiment is to increase children's participation in early childhood education and care and to bolster the employment of parents with small children.

Two-year preschool education

Recently the idea has been floated that preschool education be extended to two years. Under this proposal children would start preschool education during the school year they turn five. Preschool education would consist of 20 hours a week and would be free of charge.

75.What are your views on the following issues concerning the provision of children’s day care?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
OWN MUNICIPALITY					
1 My municipality offers a sufficient choice of day care services (e.g. provision at municipal and private day care centres and family day care)	1	2	3	4	5
2 My municipality offers a sufficient choice of financial benefits (e.g. service vouchers and municipal supplements for private and child home care allowance)	1	2	3	4	5
3 My municipality offers sufficient early childhood education provision for children cared for at home (e.g. playgroups and instructor led playground activities)	1	2	3	4	5
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
GENERAL OUTLOOK					
4 It is unfair that the child home care allowance municipal supplement is not available in all municipalities	1	2	3	4	5
5 It is unfair that there are restrictions on entitlement to the child home care municipal supplement (e.g. subject to employment and income status)	1	2	3	4	5
6 Municipal early childhood education and care provision is of higher quality than private provision	1	2	3	4	5
7 Restricting eligibility to early childhood education and care will discriminate between children	1	2	3	4	5
8 Restricting eligibility to early childhood education and care for families where one parent is at home is stigmatising	1	2	3	4	5
9 The level of home care allowance is not sufficient	1	2	3	4	5
10 Private early childhood education and care services should be more readily available	1	2	3	4	5
11 Private early childhood education and care offers a more diverse range of activities than municipal	1	2	3	4	5
12 Municipalities should invest more in municipal early childhood education and care provision than in subsidizing private services	1	2	3	4	5
13 It is appropriate to restrict eligibility to early childhood education and care if one parent is at home	1	2	3	4	5
14 Preschool education should start at age 5	1	2	3	4	5
15 Municipal early childhood education and care providers are better in meeting children’s special needs than private providers	1	2	3	4	5
16 The home care allowance entitlement period should be cut	1	2	3	4	5
17 Early childhood education and care should be free of charge for all children	1	2	3	4	5
18 Paternity leave should be considerably extended so that fathers would take family leave more often	1	2	3	4	5
19 Early childhood education and care should be free for five-year-old	1	2	3	4	5

76. The following statements concern the quality of day care and early education. People can have different views and opinions on early care and education regardless of whether they have any first-hand experience through their own family and children. What do you think about the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1 Children do not receive sufficient individual attention in early childhood education and care	1	2	3	4	5
2 The child's need for support is adequately considered in early childhood education and care.	1	2	3	4	5
3 Day care group sizes are too large.	1	2	3	4	5
4 Early childhood education and care provides the inspiration that children need.	1	2	3	4	5
5 Early childhood education and care is unable to secure lasting relationships.	1	2	3	4	5
6 Children learn necessary social skills in early childhood education and care.	1	2	3	4	5
7 Home care does not provide as much inspiration to children as early education and day care.	1	2	3	4	5
8 Early childhood education and care provides more diverse support for children's learning and development than home care.	1	2	3	4	5
9 High-quality early childhood education and care requires highly trained personnel.	1	2	3	4	5
10 Adults cannot spend enough time with children and/or to listen to them in early childhood education and care.	1	2	3	4	5

IMMIGRATION

77. What is your country of birth?

- 1 Finland
- 2 Sweden
- 3 Estonia
- 4 Russia and former Soviet Union
- 5 former Yugoslavia
- 6 Somalia
- 7 Iraq
- 8 Iran
- 9 Afghanistan
- 10 China
- 11 Thailand
- 12 Vietnam
- 13 Other, please specify? _____

If you answered Finland to question 77, move on to the MISCELLANEOUS section. Otherwise answer question 78.

78. How long have you lived in Finland?

- 1 Less than 5 years
- 2 5 – 10 years
- 3 More than 10 years

MISCELLANEOUS

79. Did you complete this survey alone or together with your partner or another person?

- 1 Alone
- 2 With my- partner / the child’s other parent
- 3 With another person, please specify

80. If you would like to leave further comments on any of the topics discussed in the survey, you can do so here.

CONSENT FORM

Below, you are asked to give us your consent to having your personal register data linked with the survey data; to participate in the interview and /or the follow-up survey; and to having your name entered in the draw for prizes.

81. Linking register data

Research surveys concerned with the use of child care benefits and family leaves and children’s health and well-being in different population groups need to have access to information that is difficult to obtain in questionnaires. For this reason we are asking you to **give your consent so that we can link your data from the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) and the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) with the answers you have given in this questionnaire.**

The data we will be using from Kela concern the parental allowances you have received, your earned income on the basis of which your allowances are calculated, the child care allowances you have received and the duration of these allowances. Data are linked for the period between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2019 (but for no longer than one year before the birth of your child between 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015). The data can be obtained from the allowances you have used for the care of your 4-year-old or possibly for your previous or next child during the time span mentioned above.

The data we will be using use from the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) are the register data from the child’s regular health clinic examination at age four.

The register data will only be used in this CHILDCARE research project. By linking the register data with the survey responses we can obtain more detailed information on the use of child care allowances and therefore a more reliable picture of different child care solutions. All personal data will be removed from the research files, and the results will be reported in such a way that individuals cannot be identified.

I give my consent to having Kela and/or THL register data linked to the data collected in this survey.

Select the options for which you give your consent.

- 1 Maternity or paternity allowance
- 2 Parental allowance
- 3 Earned income on the basis of which parental allowances are calculated
- 4 Home care allowance
- 5 Private care allowance
- 6 Flexible care allowances
- 7 Register data on 4-year-old's health clinic examination

82. Interview study

During 2019 we will be inviting guardians who answered this questionnaire to take part in an interview that will deal in more depth with the themes addressed here.

You may contact me regarding this interview.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

83. Follow-up survey

The CHILDCARE project plans to conduct a follow-up survey when the 4-year-olds have reached preschool age or has started compulsory school. This follow-up survey will deal with similar themes as the current survey.

You may send me an invitation to this follow-up.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

84. Prize draw

Survey respondents will be entered into a draw to win two 150 euro and six 50 euro Kesko/S-Group gift vouchers.

- 1 Please enter me in the draw.
- 2 Please do not enter me in the draw.

Contact details, if you wish to participate to interview study on to enter in the draw for prizes:

Place and date _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone number _____

Thank you for completing the survey!