

Home Literacy Survey

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____

Your Name _____ Today's Date _____

Home Literacy Activities

The following questions are about activities related to reading and writing that occur in some homes. Please indicate if these activities occur in your home and, if so, how often.

How many times in the past week would you estimate that...	not at all	once or twice	3+ times	every day
someone in your family read to your child?				
your child asked to be read to?				
you left notes for other family members?				
your child listened to books on tape?				
someone in your family made/used a shopping list?				
your child recognized or asked for help to read store or traffic signs?				
your child pretended to read story books?				
someone in your family received or wrote a letter or e-mail?				
your child tried to tell or write stories?				
your child discussed books that had been read?				
your child wrote or asked help to write letters/words?				
your child recited the alphabet?				
your child said sounds of letters?				
your child saw you reading books, magazines or newspapers?				

Does your child have a favorite book? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what book is that? _____

Do you have a library card? Yes _____ No _____

When was your last visit to the public or school library or bookmobile with your child? _____

If you *have* visited, how often would you estimate that you go to the library or bookmobile? _____

What other activities related to reading and writing can you think of that occur in your home?

Signs of Emerging Literacy

These next questions are about things that different children do at different ages. These things may or may not be true for your child. Can he or she...

recognize all of the letters of the alphabet? _____ most? _____ some? _____ none? _____

write his or her first name, even if some of the letters are backwards? Yes _____ No _____

How high can your child count? Would you say...

Not at all? _____ up to 5? _____ 10? _____ 20? _____ 50? _____ 100+? _____

Home Literacy Environment

Check any of the following items that your child has at home:

_____ Alphabet blocks

_____ Magnetic letters

_____ Flash cards with letters and/or pictures

_____ Markers

_____ Crayons

_____ His/her own pens or pencils

_____ Paper for writing/coloring

_____ Books on tape

_____ Children's dictionary

_____ Children's encyclopedia

_____ Chalk/writing board

_____ Children's books

_____ Children's magazines

Check if your family has any of these things at home:

_____ A computer

_____ Computer "games" or programs

_____ Books for grown-ups

_____ Magazines for grown-ups

_____ Daily newspaper

Household Demographics

What is your relationship to the child? mother _____ father _____ other _____

What is the primary language spoken at home? English _____ other _____

How many people live in your household? _____

What are their ages? _____

How long have you lived in your current home? _____

What is your highest level of education?

_____ Did not complete high school

_____ Completed high school or equivalent

_____ Community college

_____ Obtained undergraduate degree

_____ Other _____

Is there anything else about your child's language or literacy development that you'd like to add?