CHEQ



THE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES QUESTIONNAIRE (CHEQ)

This questionnaire was made to better understand the experiences children have had before starting kindergarten.

Throughout this questionnaire, we will ask you to recall information about your child's experiences in different areas of development. We understand that you may not be able to recall exact times or dates. Please fill out the questions to the best of your ability or knowledge. The examples provided in this questionnaire are to be used as guides and are not considered complete lists. **All questions are optional.**

Your child's school will retain **Part 1: Childhood Experiences** of this questionnaire for planning purposes.

Your answers to **Part 2: Private Information** will <u>not</u> be shared with your child's school. Your answers will remain confidential and will only be shared for research purposes.

Your answers to **Part 3: COVID-19 Pandemic** will be combined with those from other parents/caregivers, and shared with school personnel at the school, school district and neighbourhood level anonymously.

The Human Early Learning Partnership recognizes and respects diversity within families including cultural background, lifestyle, values, and child rearing practices. This questionnaire aims to reflect this diversity.

If you have any questions about the CHEQ or how to fill out the questionnaire, please email us at: cheq@help.ubc.ca.



PART 1: CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Information you provide in this section may be shared with school personnel. School personnel follow their professional practice guidelines for safeguarding your child's personal information and individual reports are not made public.

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Vhat is your relationship to this child?				
	 Mother Father Foster Parent Grandparent Other 				
2. V	here are you completing this questionnaire?				
0	At my child's school O At home O At work O Other				
SE	CTION 2: PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING				
1. lı	the last year, how was your child's overall health?				
0	Excellent O Very good O Good OFair O Poor O Don't know				
 In the last year, did your child visit with any of the following health care professionals? (Check all that apply) 					
0 0 0 0	Optometrist/Ophthalmologist (Vision test) Nurse Practitioner Public Health Nurse Dentist Audiologist (Hearing test) Optometrist/Ophthalmologist (Vision test) No, my child did not visit a health care professional in the last year				

3. What stopped your child from seeing a health care professional? (Check all that apply)								
0000000	Not applicable Did not feel there was a need to see one Transportation Cost Available appointment/waiting list Not having enough time Distance from home/work Hours the health care professional was available	0 0 0 0	Availability of service meeting my language or cultural needs Did not know how to find one/get an appointment COVID-19 Other					
(Ch	4. In the last year, have there been any stressful events in your child's life? (Check all that apply) If you would like help or support, please dial or text 2-1-1 to be connected with local programs and services							
00000	Birth of a sibling Major illness, accidents or hospitalization of a family member Major illness, accidents or hospitalization of your child Move to a new community Natural disaster Parental job loss Parents' separation and/or divorce	0000	Death of a parent/caregiver Death of a close family member COVID-19 My child has not experienced any stressful events					
	5. From 3 years to kindergarten entry , has your child or family used or received any of the following? (Check all that apply)							
000000000	Aboriginal Head Start Aboriginal Supported Child Development Pro First Nations Dental Program Healthy Kids Dental Program Supported Child Development Program (SCI Occupational therapy/Physical therapy Speech language intervention Visit with another medical specialist Family Preservation Worker		 Parent education program Respite support Social Worker Counsellor/Therapist None of the above Other 					

- 6. Did your child or family face any barriers when trying to use these types of programs or supports? (Check all that apply)
- Not applicable
- Transportation
- O Cost
- Available spaces
- O Not having enough time
- O Distance from home/work
- O Hours the program operates
- Available appointment/waiting list
- O My language or cultural needs were not supported
- O Did not know about it
- O Was not referred
- O COVID-19
- Other

SECTION 3: NUTRITION

	Never	Once a week or less	A few times a week	Most days	Every day
1. In the last 6 months, how often did your child eat breakfast?	0	0	0	0	0
2. In the last 6 months, how often did your child eat a meal together with another family member?	0	0	0	0	0

3. <u>In the last 6 months, how often did your child eat or drink:</u> (Please note the examples provided are not a complete list)

		Once a	A few times		More than
	Never	week or less	a week	Once a day	once a day
Vegetables and fruits (including fresh, frozen, canned or cooked)	0	0	0	0	0
Whole grain foods (including quinoa, whole grain bread or pasta, oatmeal, brown rice)	0	0	0	0	0
Protein foods (including eggs, dried or fresh meat/fish, beans, tofu, yogurt, cheese, soy)	0	0	0	0	0
Water	0	0	0	0	0
Sugary drinks (including fruit juices or soda/pop)	0	0	0	0	0
Sugary or salty snacks (including crackers, cookies, candy or chips)	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION 4: SLEEP

1. Does your child go to sleep around the same time every night?

O No

○ Yes



a. Please specify the bedtime Time (5:00pm to 12:30am) ____

2. How many hours does your child usually sleep in a 24 hour period (Combining night time sleep and naps)?

O Number of hours (1 to 24)

3. In the last 6 months, did your child experience any of the following when sleeping at night? (Check all that apply)

- None
- O Difficulty falling asleep
- O Does not want to sleep alone
- Nightmares/night terrors
- Bed wetting
- Frequent waking
- O Disturbed by noise

- O Feeling too warm/cold
- Growing pains
- Needing help going back to sleep after waking in the night
- On't know
- Other

SECTION 5: MOTOR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES

phys		-	<u>res per week</u> did your child take part in energetic <u>zed</u> activities (for example, swimming lessons or
0	Never Once a week or less	0	4-5 times a week 6-7 times a week
			<u>a day</u> did your child take part in energetic physica ctivities (for example, bike or scooter ride, drop-in
gym	program)?		
0 0 0	No unorganized activities Fewer than 15 minutes a day 15 to 30 minutes per day 31 to 60 minutes per day	0 0	,
3. O	ver the last 6 months, how often did	d you	ur child play outdoors?
0 0	Never Once a week or less 2 to 3 days a week	0 0	4 to 5 days a week 6 to 7 days a week
For t		ut ho	w much the following statement describes your
			o take risks when playing outside (for example, play-fight, or ride a bike really fast).
0 0	Not at all like my child A little bit like my child More or less like my child	0	A lot like my child Always like my child
5. In	the last 6 months, how often did yo	our c	hild have a chance to do this?
0000	Not yet Less than once a month A few times a month About once a week	0	A few times a week Most days or every day

SECTION 6: LANGUAGE AND COGNITION

1. In the last 6 months, how often did you or another important person in your child's life:

	Not yet	A few times a month or less	About once a week	A few times a week	Most days or every day
Read books or tell stories with your child?	0	0	0	0	0
Talk with your child about pictures, signs and words they experience in daily life?	0	0	0	0	0
Sing songs, make music, do rhymes or dance with your child?	0	0	0	0	0
Weigh, measure and compare objects with your child?	0	0	0	0	0
Collect objects (for example, rocks, shells or cards) with your child?	0	0	0	O	0
Read books, magazines or newspapers when your child is around?	0	0	0	0	0

2. In the last 6 months, how often did your child:

	Not yet	A few times a month or less	About once a week	A few times a week	Most days or every day
Do arts and crafts (for example, weaving, draw pictures, paint or colour)?	0	0	0	0	0
Build things (for example, using blocks, playdough or Lego [™])?	0	0	0	0	0
Use pencils or markers to write or draw letters or numbers or pretend to write?	0	0	0	0	0
Do dress up, pretend play or make believe?	0	0	0	0	0
Sort and classify objects (for example stones, toys or blocks) by colour, shape and/or size?	0	0	0	0	0
Use puzzles, board games or cards?	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION 7: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES

For the following questions we are asking you to think about the last **6 months:**

1. Ho	ow often has your child been arou	und	children <u>other than siblings?</u>
0	Not yet Less than once a month		About once a week A few times a week
0	A few times a month	0	Most days or every day
other			riendship with another child around the same age? In to see and spend time with, got along well with, shared
0 0	Never Often Rarely Always Sometimes	;	OR Ollo
	low often do you or another adulting, setting the table or caring fo		volve your child in household chores, like cooking, sts?
	Not yet Less than once a month A few times a month	(About once a weekA few times a weekMost days or every day
	ple, donate clothes or toys, bring		something with your child to <u>help others</u> ? For od to a sick friend or clean up a neighbourhood outdoor
0	Not yet Less than once a month A few times a month	0 0 0	About once a week A few times a week Most days or every day

4. How often have you had the chance to talk with your child about:

	Not yet	Less than once a month	A few times a month	About once a week	A few times a week	Most days or every day
<u>Their positive</u> interactions with other children (for example, a recent experience sharing with or helping another child)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Their negative interactions with other children (for example, a recent experience of fighting with another child or feeling excluded)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Their emotions or feelings?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Your emotions or feelings?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others' emotions or feelings (for example, another child or adult)?	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION 8: SCREEN-TIME

For the following questions we are asking you to think about the last **6 months**.

1. On average, how much <u>time per day</u> did your child use an electronic device like a tablet, smartphone, TV or computer?

0/	None	Less than 15 minutes	15 minutes to 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	More than 2 hours
a. Alone	0	0	0	0	0
b. With another child	0	0	0	0	0
c. With an adult	0	0	0	0	0

2. (On average,	how much	time per day	did you	r child use a	a TV, tablet,	computer or	smartphone
for	<u>educational</u>	purposes.	For example,	where y	you feel the	y are learnir	ng something	yaluable.

\circ	None	of the	time
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O Some of the time

About half the time

O Most of the time

All of the time

SECTION 9: EARLY LEARNING AND CARE

For the following questions, please respond for each age range:

	om <u>0 to 12 months,</u> what was the child ca	ire a	rrangement you used <u>the most</u> for your
	Parental care only A relative (other than parent) A licensed daycare or child care centre	0 0 0 0	An unlicensed family child care home An unlicensed care giver in their home A caregiver in my home Aboriginal Head Start
0	A licensed family child care home	0	Other
On a	verage, how many hours per week was you	chil	d in the main arrangement?
0 0 0	8 hours or less per week 9 to 15 hours per week 16 to 30 hours per week More than 30 hours per week		Oly,
2. Fr	om <u>13 months to under 3 years,</u> what was	s the	child care arrangement you used the
	tor your child?		
0	Parental care only A relative (other than parent) A licensed daycare or child care centre Licensed preschool A licensed family child care home	00000	An unlicensed family child care home An unlicensed caregiver in their home A caregiver in my home Aboriginal Head Start Other
On a	verage, how many hours per week was you	· chil	d in the main arrangement?
0 0 0	8 hours or less per week 9 to 15 hours per week 16 to 30 hours per week More than 30 hours per week		
	om <u>3 years to kindergarten entry</u> , what w	as th	ne child care arrangement you used <u>the</u>
mos	t for your child?		
0 0 0	Parental care only A relative (other than parent) A licensed daycare or child care centre	0	An unlicensed family child care home An unlicensed caregiver in their home A caregiver in my home
0	Licensed preschool	0	Aboriginal Head Start Other
On a O O	A licensed family child care home verage, how many hours per week was your 8 hours or less per week 9 to 15 hours per week 16 to 30 hours per week		
\bigcirc	More than 30 hours per week		

4. How satisfied were you with your child's most recent main child care arrangement?

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
a. Location	0	0	0	0
b. Cost	0	0	0	0
c. Quality	0	0	0	0
d. Hours of care	0	0	0	0

- 5. What challenges have you experienced when looking for early learning and child care arrangements? (Check all that apply)
 - O Cost
 - Availability of spaces
 - O Quality of the staff/activities/space
 - O Hours the program operates
 - Transportation
 - O Distance from home/work
 - O Information about early learning and child care options
 - O Availability of programs that are inclusive for children with special needs
 - O Availability of programs meeting my language or cultural needs
 - O COVID-19
 - O No challenges experienced
 - Not applicable
 - Other

SECTION 10: GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1. From <u>3 years to kindergarten entry</u>, how often did your child use the following community activities/resources?

	Never	Once a month or less	A few times a month	Once a week	A few times a week or more
Sports programs (for example, soccer, swimming, skating)	0	0	0	0	0
Art, music or drama programs	0	0	0	0	0
Cultural activities programs	0	0	0	0	0
Story Time program	0	0	0	0	0
StrongStart program	0	0	0	0	0
Local Neighbourhood House	0	0	0	0	0
Public Library	0	0	0	0	0
Aboriginal Family Drop-in	0	0	0	0	0
Family Resource Centre (i.e., Family Drop-In Program)	0	0	0	0	0
Park/Playground	0	0	0	0	0
Local community/recreation centre	0	0	0	0	0
Faith-based program	0	0	0	0	0

2. Think about the last year, were there any local activities that you wanted to do with your child but couldn't?

O No O Yes

What stopped you from participating? (Check all that apply)

- Transportation
- O Cost
- Available spaces
- O Not having enough time
- O Distance from home/work
- O Hours the program operates
- Availability of activities that are inclusive for children with special needs
- Availability of activities meeting my language or cultural needs
- O Didn't know the activity was offered
- O COVID-19
- Other

SECTION 11: EXPERIENCES IN NEIGHBOURHOOD

1. In the last five years, how many times has your child moved homes?							
Number of times (0-12) O Don't know	, ,						
2. How long has your child lived in their current neighbourhood? For children who live in more than one neighbourhood, please think about the one in which they spend the most time.							
Less than 1 year1-2 years	3-4 years 5 or more years						
3. How safe are the parks and places in	your child's neighbourhood?						
Very unsafeSomewhat unsafeNeither unsafe or safe	Somewhat safe Very safe						
4. In the last 6 months, on average, how neighbourhood?	v often did your child play outside <u>in their</u>						
NeverOnce a week2 to 3 days a week	4 to 5 days a week 6 to 7 days a week						
5. In general, can your neighbours be counted on to look out for children <u>in your</u> neighbourhood?							
O No O Yes							
6. How many people in your neighbourhood can you depend on? This may include things like collecting your mail when away, occasional child minding or for emergencies.							
Number of people (0 to 5 or more)							
Number of people (0 to 5 or more)							

SECTION 12: DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Ir	n what way	would your c	hild	describe themselves?							
0	Boy	○ Girl	0	In another way							
2. lr	. In which country was <u>your child</u> born?										
0	Prefer not	to answer									
a. If	your child	was born out	side	of Canada, what year did your child move to Canada?							
(20	13 to 2021)			_							
0	Prefer not	to answer									
3. Ir	n which cou	ntry were <u>yo</u>	<u>u</u> boı	rn?							
0	Prefer not	to answer									
a. If	you were b	orn outside	of Ca	anada, what year did <u>you</u> move to Canada?							
(19 ⁻	10 to 2021)										
0	Prefer not	to answer		Mo.							
4a.	What is yoเ	ır <u>child's</u> ethr	nicity	? (Check all that apply)							
000000000	East Asian South Asia Southeast Latin Amer European Middle Eas	origins (for each origins (for each origins for each origins (for each origins origins (for each origi	exame exame (for example for e	nple, First Nations, Inuit, Métis) uple, Chinese, Japanese, Korean) mple, Indian, Punjabi, Pakistani) example, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese) example, Brazilian, Cuban, Bolivian) ole, British, Italian, Russian) example, Iranian, Turkish, Afghani) Nigerian, Ghanaian, Zimbabwean)							

4b.	What is y	our <u>family</u> ethnicity? (Check all that apply)								
00000000	East Asian origins (for example, Chinese, Japanese, Korean) South Asian origins (for example, Indian, Punjabi, Pakistani) Southeast Asian origins (for example, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese) Latin American origins (for example, Brazilian, Cuban, Bolivian) European origins (for example, British, Italian, Russian) Middle Eastern origins (for example, Iranian, Turkish, Afghani) African origins (for example, Nigerian, Ghanaian, Zimbabwean)									
		Id Indigenous? (Check all that apply)								
0	No	○ First Nations ○ Inuit ○ Métis ○ Prefer not to answer								
		a. Does your child self-identify with one or more First Nation(s)?								
		 Prefer not to answer Does your child self-identify with one or more Métis Nation Homeland(s)? 								
		O Prefer not to answer								
		c. Does your child self-identify with one or more Inuit Nunangat community/communities?								
		O Prefer not to answer								
		d. Which First Nation, Métis and/or Inuit languages does your child identify with?								
?		O Prefer not to answer								

6. F	Please identify your child's first language(s)	
7. [Does your child currently live in more than one home?	OIB!
0	No O Yes O Prefer not to answer	
	a. On average, how many days per month does your child live with you'	?
	Number of days (0 to 31)	
	○ Prefer not to answer	
	b. How long has your child been living in more than one home?	
	 0 to 3 months 4 to 6 months 7 to 12 months More than a year Since birth Prefer not to answer 	
8. H	How many brothers or sisters (including step, adopted, foster or half) does y	our child have?
	Number of siblings (0-6)	

PART 2: PRIVATE INFORMATION

Information you provide in this section is **confidential**. Your responses to these questions are **not** provided to your child's school.

Using a scale of 1 to 10, where <u>1 means very dissatisfied</u> and <u>10 means very satisfied</u>, please answer the following question:

1. /	All things considered, how s	atisf	ied are you v	with	your life as a whole these days?
(1 t	to 10) Prefer not to answer				
2. \	Which of the following best	desc	ribes your h	ighe	st educational level?
0 0 0 0	High school completion (or equivalent) Some post-secondary education			0 0	Graduate or professional degree Other Prefer not to answer
	f applicable, which of the fo cond parent/caregiver living		_		s the highest educational level for <u>the</u>
0000	High school completion (or equivalent)			0 0 0	Undergraduate degree Graduate or professional degree Other Prefer not to answer
4. \	Which of the following best	desc	ribes your c	urrer	nt marital status?
0 0 0	Single Common law Married	0	Widowed Other		
0	Separated Divorced	0	Prefer not t	o an	swer
	Which of the following is the es?	bes	t estimate of	f you	r <u>overall household income</u> last year, <u>before</u>
0000	Under \$20,000 \$20,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999	0 0 0	\$100,000 to \$150,000 to \$200,000 o Prefer not t	5 \$19 r mo	99,999 re

	6. In the last six months, how often did your child go hungry because there was not enough money for food?								
0 0 0	Never Once a month or less Once a week or less A few times a week	0	Daily Prefer no	t to answer					
	7. In the last six months, how often has your family accessed community food services (for example, school breakfast program, community kitchen or food bank)?								
0 0 0	Never Once a month or less Once a week or less A few times a week	0	Daily Prefer no	t to answer					
8. V app	•	des	cribes you	ur current employment status? (Check all that Attending school/college/university/job training					
0 0 0	Stay-at-home parent On parental leave Working 30 hours or more a v Working less than 30 hours a		0	Not working/looking for paid work Other Prefer not to answer					
	9. If applicable, which of the following best describes the current employment status for the second parent/caregiver living in the child's home? (Check all that apply)								
0 0 0	Not applicable Stay-at-home parent On parental leave Working 30 hours or more a v			Attending school/college/university/job training Not working/looking for paid work Other					
0	Working less than 30 hours a	wee	ek O	Prefer not to answer					

PART 3: COVID-19 Pandemic

Your responses to the following questions will be combined with those from other parents/caregivers, and shared with school personnel at the school, school district and neighbourhood level anonymously. Summaries will <u>not</u> include your child's name or any identifying information.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic in March of 2020. For the following questions, we would like to know about your own and your family's feelings and experiences during this unusual and unprecedented time.

1. We are interested in how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting <u>your family's</u> abilities to do the following things:

Because of the pandemic	Much less	Less	About the same	More	Much more
our family plays together	0	0	0	0	0
our family eats together	0	0	0	0	0
our family is able to access outdoor space	0	0	0	0	0
our family is able to be physically active together	0	0	0	0	0
our family is able to access healthy foods	0	0	0	0	0

2. We are interested in how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting <u>your</u> ability to do the following things:

Because of the pandemic	Much less	Less	About the same	More	Much more
I feel rested	0	0	0	0	0
I have time to take care of myself	0	0	0	0	0
I have time to prepare healthy meals	0	0	0	0	0
I can support my child's play	0	0	0	0	0
I feel connected to my friends/family	0	0	0	0	0
I managed my child's behaviour	0	0	0	0	0

		I had acc consistent of my child/ch	childcare for	0	0	0	0	0	
3	. Ov	er the last s	ix months, wh	at was <u>y</u>	<u>our</u> typic	al level o	f stress?		40
00000	High Medi Low Very	um	wer			6	. ~	5	
4	. Ho	w has the C	OVID-19 pand	emic affe	ected you	ır child's	use of se	rvices/sup	ports?
00000	We a We d Not a	are no longei	no change. We rable to use se se services/sup wer	rvices/su	pports		oports as v	ve normally	y would
		-	ated not able to s/supports you						• •
5		s the COVICek?	0-19 pandemic	affected	your job	status o	r amount	of work he	ours per
00000	Yes, Yes, No		hours now that hours now that ger working		•	•			
6. If applicable, has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the job status or amount of work hours per week for the second parent/caregiver living in the child's home?									
0 0 0 0	Yes, Yes, No	they work m	ewer hours now nore hours now o longer workin	than before	•		•		

7. Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your overall family income?

- O Yes, our overall income has decreased
- O Yes, our overall income has increased
- O No, our overall income has not changed
- O Prefer not to answer

8. How much do you agree that you could do the following if you wanted or needed to...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Find trustworthy information about how to talk to my child about COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic	0	0	0	0
Find reliable virtual tools and online resources for my child's physical health related to COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic	0	0	0	0
Find reliable virtual tools and online resources for my child's mental health related to COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic	0	0	0	0