

PREVIOUS PRESCHOOL SURVEYS

- Name: Master's Thesis Survey of Part B and Parents
- Purpose: To determine why the percentage of children served under Part B declines in Hawai'i in comparison with the State of Massachusetts.
- Target: Two parents from each state will be interviewed who decided to accept Part B services and two who decided not to accept Part B services.
- Methodology: Face-to-face interviews will be conducted by Master's Degree candidate, Lily Matsubara.
- Results: Results will be available in late Spring 2008.

Parent Interview Questions

(Total Interview Time: 90~120 minutes)

Section 1 (60~70 minutes)

1. Tell me about how you learned your child had special needs.

Sample guiding questions:

- (a) What were some of the concerns you had about your child?*
- (b) How were your child's special needs affecting the family?*
- (c) What were some of the support networks and resources that you had for your child and your family during this time?*
- (d) What helped you most during this period?*

2. What were your experiences with early intervention services?

Sample guiding questions:

- (a) How did you first hear about early intervention services?*
- (b) How old was your child when the referral was made to early intervention services?*
- (c) Who made the referral? What was the basis for the person to make the referral?*
- (d) How long did your child receive early intervention services?*
- (e) What were some of the services your family and your child received from early intervention?*
- (f) How did early intervention services affect your child and family?*

3. Describe your child's current placement after the transition process.

Sample guiding questions:

- (a) What dreams or hopes did you have for your child when he/she left early intervention?*
- (b) Where is your child currently receiving services? (describe the classroom, other children, resources)*
- (c) What do you like most about this current placement?*
- (d) What do you like least about this current placement?*

4. What were your experiences with the transition process?

Sample guiding questions:

(a) What was it like when your child was no longer eligible for Part C services?

(b) How was transition explained to you?

(c) Which person was most helpful to you in this process?

(d) What were some of the challenges you faced in the transition process?

Section 2 (30~45 minutes)

1. How has the whole experience with the transition process affected your perspective about your child's needs?

2. How has the whole experience with the transition process affected your perspective about your family's needs?

3. If you could give some advice to families facing a transition process for their child and family, what would that be and why?