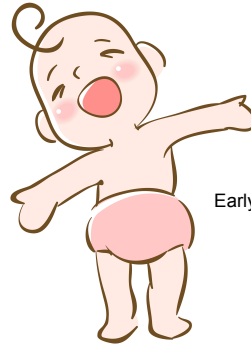


Family Survey Frequently Asked Questions



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Good news! The Maryland *Family Survey* is coming to families again this fall. Watch for this important opportunity to share how your family has been impacted by early intervention in Maryland! In the meantime, here are answers to a few of your frequently asked questions. For more information, please contact Pam Miller in the Early Childhood Intervention and Education Branch at MSDE, 410-767-1019, or pmiller@msde.state.md.us.

1) What is the *Family Survey* and why do I need to fill it out?

- The family survey collects valuable feedback from families on the impact of early intervention in Maryland. The information collected **directly** impacts improvement efforts for State and local programs for infants and toddlers with developmental delays/disabilities and their families.
- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to collect data on the impact of early intervention.
- The survey was developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring (monitoringcenter.lsuhs.edu).

2) Who fills out the survey and how often?

- Family members of children age birth to 3 who were receiving early intervention services through a local infants and toddlers program as of *June 30, 2009* are invited to complete the survey once a year in the fall.

3) Will my family's early intervention services be affected if I choose not to fill out the survey?

- Your feedback is important. However, filling out the family survey is completely voluntary. Whether you choose to complete the survey or not, your child's and family's early intervention services

will not be impacted in any way.

4) Can I fill out just one survey even if I have more than one child in early intervention?

- It is important to give feedback on each child. If possible, please fill out a separate survey for each child participating in the infants and toddlers program.

5) Will my responses be kept private?

- The survey is designed to be anonymous and does not ask for specific identifiable information. Your child and family will not be identified.

6) How do I fill out the survey?

- Use a blue or black pen or a #2 pencil to fill in ONE bubble for each question.
- If the question does not apply to your child and/or family, **SKIP** the question.
- If you need help with the survey, please contact your service coordinators or service providers.

6) How will I receive the survey? How do I return the survey?

- Survey packets will be provided to you by mail or hand delivery from one of your service providers. Each packet will have an introductory letter, one survey, and a postage-paid envelope for mailing it in.
- **Please fill out the survey and send it in by the due date: November 15, 2009.**

Thank you!