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QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD3577 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SURVEY 2016

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# Early childhood education survey 2016

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

These questions relate to your child, born between **1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015**. In the questions, we refer to your child as a 1-year-old, even though some of the children surveyed have not yet turned one and others are nearly two. Please respond to the survey questions **based your 1-year-old's current circumstances**.

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Completing the survey will take approximately 35–45 minutes.

### About your 1-year-old child

**1. My 1-year-old child is a**

- 1 Girl
- 2 Boy

**2. What is your relationship to the child?**

Are you the...

- 1 biological parent
- 2 partner of the biological parent
- 3 adoptive parent
- 4 partner of the adoptive parent
- 5 foster parent
- 6 partner of the foster parent
- 7 other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**3. 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/splits their time equally between both parents
- 3 The parents live separately and the child lives primarily with the mother
- 4 The parents live separately and the child lives primarily with the father
- 5 The child lives with relatives
- 6 The child has an alternative living arrangement, i.e. with foster parents
- 7 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What are the custody arrangements for your child?**

- 1 Joint parental custody
- 2 Sole custody for mother
- 3 Sole custody for father
- 4 No official custody arrangement
- 5 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**About you**

**5. Your gender?**

- 1 Man
- 2 Woman
- 3 Other

**6. Your year of birth (please enter it in the form xxxx)? \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Are you**

- 1 co-habiting
- 2 married
- 3 in a registered partnership
- 4 co-habiting in a same sex relationship
- 5 separated, previously co-habiting
- 6 separated, previously married
- 7 registered partnership dissolved
- 8 unmarried
- 9 widowed

**8. How satisfied are you with your current relationship or the lack of a current relationship?**

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

**9. Who lives with you?**

*Please choose all the options that apply to your circumstances. Please enter the birth years to the boxes provided under each response option by separating the years with a comma.*

- 1 Partner
- 2 Joint children between my partner and me → Born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My other children → Born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 My partner's other children → Born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Foster children → Born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Other adults → Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Other children → Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Do you (or your partner) have children that live elsewhere?** *Please enter the birth years to the box provided by separating the years with a comma.*

1 No

2 Yes → When were these children born? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

3 My or my partner's children who live in our family only a part of their time (e.g. every other week)

*If you are not cohabiting or married, please answer questions (11-13) on your own behalf only.*

**11. What is your and your partner's basic education?**

*Select the highest applicable option only.*

	Me	Partner
1 Secondary modern/ Civic school	1	2
2 Comprehensive school	1	2
3 Matriculation examination	1	2

**12. What is your and your partner's higher education background?**

*Please select the highest applicable option only.*

	Me	Partner
1 No vocational qualification	1	2
2 Vocational course (e.g. labour market training program, course for immigrants and childminders)	1	2
3 Vocational school	1	2
4 Post-Secondary or University of Applied Sciences degree	1	2
5 University degree	1	2

**13. What is your and your partner's current activity?**

*Please select all relevant options.*

	Me	Partner
1 Full-time stay-at-home parent	1	2
2 Part-time 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

**14. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current situation (in reference to the previous question)?**

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

## **1. Health and development of your 1-year-old**

**15. Your 1-year old child's birth weight:**

\_\_\_\_\_ grams

**16. Have you breastfed your 1-year-old?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 I'm not the biological mother of the child.

**17. Why did you not breastfeed? (Please select one or more options)**

- 1 I chose to stop breastfeeding
- 2 Breast-related reasons (e.g. milk supply, breast shape, implants)
- 3 Child-related reasons (e.g. difficulty latching on, child illness or extended hospital stay)
- 4 Factors relating to my own health (e.g. medical condition, medication)
- 5 Factors relating to my own ability to cope (e.g. tiredness, stress, depression)
- 6 Insufficient breastfeeding support at the maternity unit
- 7 Insufficient support from family and friends
- 8 Desire to share childcare equally with partner
- 9 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Do you continue to breastfeed?**

- Yes  
No

**19. How long did the child get breast milk (total duration)?**

\_\_\_\_\_ months

**20. Why did you stop breastfeeding? (Please select one or more options from the list)**

- 1 I chose to stop breastfeeding
- 2 My child chose to stop breastfeeding
- 3 I returned to work/study or similar
- 4 Breast-related reasons (e.g. milk supply, wear and tear on nipples, breast shape or implants)
- 5 Reasons relating to my child's health (e.g. allergies, illness or extended hospital stay)
- 6 Reasons relating to my own health (e.g.- illness or medication)
- 7 Factors relating to my own ability to cope (e.g. tiredness, stress or depression)
- 8 Insufficient support from family and friends
- 9 Insufficient support from maternity and child health clinic to continue breastfeeding
- 10 Desire to share childcare equally with partner
- 11 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**21. How long did your child get or has got only breast milk with supplemental Vitamin D (exclusively breastfed)?**

\_\_\_\_\_ months

**22. At what age did you start weaning your child (giving solids)?**

\_\_\_\_\_ months

**23. How would you evaluate your 1-year-old's development and activities?**

	Clearly delayed	Slightly delayed	Normal	Slightly advanced	Clearly advanced
1 Movement	1	2	3	4	5
2 Development of weight	1	2	3	4	5
3 Height	1	2	3	4	5
4 Language development	1	2	3	4	5
5 Sleep rhythm	1	2	3	4	5
6 Eating	1	2	3	4	5

**24. How would you rate your 1-year-old's health?**

- 1 Very poor
- 2 Fairly poor
- 3 Average
- 4 Fairly good
- 5 Very good

**25. Has your 1-year-old child been diagnosed or suspected with a medical condition, disability or developmental delay?**

*Please select one or more options from the list.*

- 1 My child has not been diagnosed with any disease, disability or developmental delay
- 2 Severe allergy
- 3 Asthma or other respiratory illness
- 4 Epilepsy
- 5 Diabetes
- 6 A joint, musculoskeletal or skeleton disorder (e.g. rheumatic, scoliosis)
- 7 Cancer
- 8 Heart defect or other cardiovascular disease
- 9 Disability (e.g. cerebral palsy)
- 10 Congenital disorder (e.g. Down Syndrome)
- 11 Visual or hearing impairment
- 12 Developmental delay (e.g. delays relating to speech or motor skills)
- 13 Other disease or disability, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**26. How would you describe your own relationship with your 1-year-old?**

	No/ Never	Some- times	Almost always	Always	Cannot say
1. I am confident I can interpret my child's cues	1	2	3	4	5
2. I enjoy chatting with my child	1	2	3	4	5
3. I struggle to provide my child with the care he/she needs		2	3	4	5
4. I enjoy playing with my child	1	2	3	4	5

**27. How satisfied are you with your own parenting?**

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

## 1-year olds childcare arrangements

**28. Where did you look for information on day care services and the financial support available?**

*You can select more than one option.*

	Day care services	Financial support
1 Kela website/office	1	2
2 City/local authority website	1	2
3 Day care staff (case management)	1	2
4 Child health clinic	1	2
5 Day care centre website	1	2
6 Social media (e.g. Facebook, forums, blogs)	1	2
7 Friends and acquaintances	1	2
8 Other, please specify _____	1	2

**29. As you were making decisions about childcare arrangements, what was your most important source of information?**

*Please select only one option.*

- 1 Kela website/office
- 2 City/local authority website
- 3 Day care staff (case management)
- 4 Child health clinic
- 5 Day care centre website
- 6 Social media (e.g. Facebook, forums, blogs)
- 7 Friends and acquaintances
- 8 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**30. How much information were you able to access from the above-chosen source of information when considering childcare arrangements for your 1-year-old?**

	None	A little	Some	Plenty
1. Child care services	1	2	3	4
2. Financial support for child care	1	2	3	4
3. Other childcare related activities (e.g. clubs, open day care, play park playgroups)	1	2	3	4

**31. What was your experience of discussing childcare arrangements for your 1-year-old with the day care staff?**

	Very inaccurate	Somewhat inaccurate	Partly accurate	Somewhat accurate	Very accurate
1. I received extensive information on the childcare options and financial support available	1	2	3	4	5
2. I was asked about my child care preferences (e.g. times and type of care)	1	2	3	4	5
3. Together with staff, we discussed what day care arrangement would best suit my child	1	2	3	4	5
4. The information provided by the member of staff influenced by decisions regarding the child care arrangements for my child	1	2	3	4	5



**32. What childcare arrangements do you have in place for your 1-year-old?**

*You can select more than one option.*

- 1 I look after my child at home
- 2 My partner 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 childminder
- 7 Municipal group family day care
- 8 Private day care centre
- 9 Private childminder
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**33. How satisfied are you with the childcare arrangements in place for your 1-year-old?**

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

**34. Does your 1-year-old have siblings under the pre-school age (6 years)?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**35. What childcare arrangements do you have in place for other under-6s in your family (your 1-year-old's siblings)? *You can select more than one option.***

	a) Youngest sibling	b) Second youngest	c) Third youngest	d) Fourth youngest
1 I look after my child at home	1	2	3	4
2 My partner looks after my child at home	1	2	3	4
3 An unpaid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. a grandparent)	1	2	3	4
4 An unpaid carer looks after my child outside our home (e.g. a grandparent)	1	2	3	4
5 Municipal day care centre	1	2	3	4
6 Municipal childminder	1	2	3	4
7 Municipal group family day care	1	2	3	4
8 Private day care centre	1	2	3	4
9 Private childminder	1	2	3	4
10 Private group family day care	1	2	3	4
11 A paid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)	1	2	3	4
12 A paid carer looks after my child outside our home	1	2	3	4
13 Other, please specify _____	1	3	3	4

**36. Do you receive any of the following forms of financial support towards the cost of childcare for your 1-year-old?**

***The forms of financial support available can vary between local authorities.***

***You can select more than one option.***

- 1 We do not get allowances.
- 2 Kela home care allowance (basic care allowance and care supplement, where relevant)
- 3 Kela private day care allowance (basic care allowance and care supplement, where relevant)
- 4 Municipal home care allowance supplement (e.g. Helsinkilisä, Haminalisä, optional municipal supplement)
- 5 Municipal supplement for private day care
- 6 Municipal early childhood education (day care) service voucher
- 7 Municipal service supplement (supplement paid to private childminders' children cared for at their own home)
- 8 New maternity allowance or parent's allowance
- 9 Study grant
- 10 Unemployment benefit or labour market subsidy
- 11 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## **1-YEAR-OLD CHILD IS AT HOME OR LOOKED AFTER BY AN UNPAID CARER**

**37. (38.) How long do you plan to care for your 1-year-old at home?**

1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	Don't know	
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**39. Do you expect your child's day care arrangements to change in the near future?**

- 2 No
- 3 Yes

**40. What form of childcare do you intend to use?**

***You can select more than one option.***

- 1 An unpaid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. a grandparent)
- 2 An unpaid carer looks after my child outside our home (e.g. a grandparent)
- 3 Municipal day care centre
- 4 Municipal childminder
- 5 Municipal group family day care
- 6 Private day care centre
- 7 Private childminder
- 8 Private group family day care
- 9 A paid carer looks after my child at our home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)
- 10 A paid carer looks after my child outside our home
- 11 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**41. How important were the following factors to your decision to look after your 1-year-old at home?**

<b>Matters related to the 1-year-old</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Fairly important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Not applicable to me</b>
1 Reasons relating to my child's health	1	2	3	4
2 My child has special needs	1	2	3	4
3 My child is too young to be looked after outside our home	1	2	3	4
4 I do not want other people to look after my child	1	2	3	4
5 Staying at home allows my child to follow their own sleep pattern				
<b>Other matters</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Fairly important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Not applicable to me</b>
6 I want to spend time with my child	1	2	3	4
7 I was not happy with the quality of the day care service	1	2	3	4
8 Our desired day care provider is oversubscribed	1	2	3	4
9 The wage level of my work is low	1	2	3	4
10 I am experiencing poor health	1	2	3	4
11 My working hours are difficult	1	2	3	4
12 My commute is long/difficult	1	2	3	4
13 I look after several children at home	1	2	3	4
14 I enjoy being at home	1	2	3	4
15 My partner wants me to look after child at home	1	2	3	4
16 I do not have a career or work experience	1	2	3	4
17 I do not have a job or a place to study	1	2	3	4
18 I believe the mother's of small children should stay at home	1	2	3	4
19 My place of work suffers from poor atmosphere	1	2	3	4
20 I do not enjoy my job	1	2	3	4
21 I want to take a break from working	1	2	3	4
22 My work is too fast-paced	1	2	3	4
23 I believe the fathers of young children should stay at home	1	2	3	4
24 The public funding of the society makes to be a stay-at-home parent possible	1	2	3	4
25 My partner works difficult hours	1	2	3	4
26 It does not make financial sense for me to work	1	2	3	4
27 We earn enough for me not to work	1	2	3	4
28 Other, please specify?	1	2	3	4

## Family leave

### 42. Have the parents taken family leave with the 1-year-old?

	No	Yes	Not applicable for us
Mother	1	2	3
Father	1	2	3

#### **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.

Child home care allowance can be taken by either parent when the child is aged between 10 months and 3 years.

### 43. What was the duration of family leave taken by the mother with the 1-year-old? Please use comma as a decimal separator (if needed).

Maternity and parental leave \_\_\_\_\_ months  
Childcare leave/child home care allowance \_\_\_\_\_ months

### 44. What was the total duration of family leave taken by the father with the 1-year-old? Please use comma as a decimal separator (if needed).

Paternity leave \_\_\_\_\_ weeks  
Parental leave \_\_\_\_\_ months  
Child care leave/ child home care allowance \_\_\_\_\_ months

### 45. The father chose to take family leave because

*Please choose up to three of the options that most apply to you.*

- 1 Father wanted to look after the child
- 2 Father wanted to have a career break
- 3 Father wanted the mother to have the opportunity to go back to work
- 4 Father wanted the mother to be able to study
- 5 Father became unemployed
- 6 Mother wanted the father to take family leave
- 7 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**46. Does the father intend to take family leave?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**47. Why has the 1-year-old's father chosen not to use family leave?**

*Please choose up to three of the options that most apply to you.*

- 1 We were not aware of the father's entitlement to family leave
- 2 The father considers family leave unnecessary
- 3 The father is not in work
- 4 The mother does not have a job
- 5 The employer does not think family leave is feasible
- 6 The haste at work prevents the father from claiming parental leave
- 7 Instability in the workplace/lack of certainty about job security prevents the father from claiming parental leave
- 8 It is not financially possible for us
- 9 The father believes the mother should look after the children
- 10 The mother does not want the father to claim family leave
- 11 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## **1-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN DAY CARE**

**48. Did you get the child care place you wanted for your 1-year-old?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**49. What would have been your preferred day care provider? *You can choose more than one option.***

- 1 Municipal day care centre
- 2 Municipal childminder
- 3 Municipal group family day care
- 4 Private day care centre
- 5 Private childminder
- 6 Private group family day care
- 7 A paid carer to look after my child at our home (e.g. an au pair or nanny)
- 8 A paid carer to look after my child outside our home
- 9 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**50. How important were the following factors in choosing day care for your 1-year-old?**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important
1 specialist provision (e.g. sport, languages, music, art or environment/outdoors)	1	2	3	4
2 values (e.g. ecological matters, religion)	1	2	3	4
3 high quality pedagogy	1	2	3	4
4 multi-culturalism	1	2	3	4
5 opening hours	1	2	3	4
6 atmosphere	1	2	3	4
7 home-like atmosphere	1	2	3	4
8 company of other children	1	2	3	4
9 siblings attend same provider	1	2	3	4
10 convenient location (e.g. in relation to home or place of work or study)	1	2	3	4
11 size of the child group	1	2	3	4
12 recommendations from acquaintance	1	2	3	4
13 our/my previous experience	1	2	3	4
14 providing support for children with additional needs (e.g health and developmental issues)	1	2	3	4

**51. How many days per week on average does your 1-year-old child attend in childcare?**

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

**52. How many hours on average does your 1-year-old spend in childcare each day? (LATE)**

\_\_\_ hours

**53. Does your 1-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

**54. Do the hours your 1-year-old spends at day care meet your wishes?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**55. What kind of care hours would you have wished for?**

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**56. How much does your family pay in childcare costs for your 1-year-old and all children per month?**

	1-year-old	Total for all children
€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	1	2

**57. How satisfied are you with the current day care provision for your 1-year-old?**

*Please 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 Directed 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	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 cultural heritage is taken into account	1	2	3	4	5
12 Support for your child's development	1	2	3	4	5
13 Nap routine	1	2	3	4	5
14 Health aspect of premises	1	2	3	4	5

**58. The following questions relate to your 1-year-old's well-being and your relationship with the day care staff. Please indicate how much 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, parenting, progress and education with the professional caregivers	1	2	3	4	5
2 When my child exhibits behavioural issues, I have to resolve them without help from professional caregivers	1	2	3	4	5
3 The professional caregivers asks for my opinion and suggestions on educational issues concerning my child	1	2	3	4	5
4 The professional caregivers pay attention to what I say	1	2	3	4	5
5 I respect the professional caregivers	1	2	3	4	5
6 The professional caregivers respect me	1	2	3	4	5
7 I tell the professional caregivers when I'm concerned or worried about my child	1	2	3	4	5
8 The professional caregivers 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

**59. Thinking about your 1-year-old's enjoyment of their day care experience in the past four weeks, have you found that...**

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Always
1 Your child enjoys attending 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 My child receives individual, one-on-one attention from the professional care givers	1	2	3	4	5	6



**60. Does your 1-year-old attend day care while one of the guardians is at home?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**61. Please indicate the reasons why 1-year-old attends day care when at least one of the guardians is usually at home.**

	No	Yes
1. Concern that my child might miss out on a place at a familiar setting if they are withdrawn temporarily (e.g. a period of unemployment of the parent)	1	2
2. The day care provision is free/affordable	1	2
3. The guardian is a studying-	1	2
4. On the recommendation of a professional (e.g. psychologist, doctor, or social worker)	1	2
5. The child's additional need for support (e.g. language, and social skills)		
6. Reasons relating to the child's health	1	2
7. Lack of playgroups/ clubs	1	2
8. Reasons relating to the parent's physical health	1	2
9. Parental need for support (exhaustion, depression)	1	2
10. Other, please specify _____	1	2

## WORK

**62. Did you work before your 1-year-old was born?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**63. Was your employment contract**

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Fixed-term

**64. Are you currently in employment?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

**65. Is your current employment contract**

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Fixed-term

**66. What is your working time pattern?**

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

**67. 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

**68. Are you currently in employment?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, I have returned to employment following family leave (parental leave or home care leave)
- 3 Yes, I did not take family leave (parental leave or home care leave)

**69. Do you intend to return to work or to seek new employment?**

- 1 I intend to return full-time to the post I held before my child was born
- 2 I intend to return part-time to the post I held before my child was born
- 3 I will look for new full-time work
- 4 I will look for new part-time work
- 5 I intend to become self-employed
- 6 Not applicable

**70. Did the following factors influence your decision of when to go back to work?**

	Very little or not at all	Only a little	To some extent	Quite a lot	Very much	Don't know
1. The finance of the family was 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. The changes at workplace was coming	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. I missed the company of other adults	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. I got new job	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. I like my job	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. The atmosphere at my place of work is good	1	2	3	4	5	6
9. My job pays well	1	2	3	4	5	6
10. My job is suitably 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 looking after our child	1	2	3	4	5	6
13. My line manager asked me to go back to work	1	2	3	4	5	6
14. I had to go back because of the situation of work	1	2	3	4	5	6
15. Maintaining of the professional skills	1	2	3	4	5	6
16. My job is important to me	1	2	3	4	5	6
17. My return made financial sense	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. My child was given the suitable child care placement	1	2	3	4	5	6
20. I wanted a change	1	2	3	4	5	6
21. The working hours are convenient	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. Other, please specify	1	2	3	4	5	6

**71. Does your workplace offer the following flexible working arrangements? Please circle as applicable.**

	Yes, also in practice	Yes, at least in principle	Not possible	Don't know
1. Flexi-time	1	2	3	4
2. Possibility to use time off in lieu	1	2	3	4
3. Distance working	1	2	3	4
4. Option to leave work place to attend to private matters during working hours	1	2	3	4
5. Ability to turn down overtime if needed	1	2	3	4

**72. How many hours do you work per week on average, including your contracted hours, overtime hours and additional work carried out at home? Please specify in whole hours.**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours.

**73. Please estimate how your work affects your home life.**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Disagree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree somewhat	Agree	Strongly agree
1 My work keeps me from my family more than I would like	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 My work helps me to acquire skills and this helps me to be a better partner/parent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3 The time I must devote to my work keeps me from participating equally in household responsibilities and activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4 My work helps me to understand different viewpoints and this helps me be a better partner/parent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 When I get home from work I am often too frazzled to participate in family activities/responsibilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 My work puts me in a good mood and this helps me be a better partner/parent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 Due to all the pressures at work, sometimes when I come home I am too stressed to do the things I enjoy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 My job makes me happy and I am a better partner/parent as a result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**74. Please estimate the effects of family life on your work.**

	strongly disagree	Disagree	Disagree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree somewhat	Agree	Strongly agree
1. The time I spend on family responsibilities often interferes with my work responsibilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. My involvement in my family helps me acquire skills and this helps me be a better worker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. Due to stress at home, I'm often preoccupied with family matters at work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. My involvement in my family helps me to expand my knowledge of new things and this helps me to be a better worker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. Because I am often stressed from family responsibilities, I have a hard time concentrating on my work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. My involvement in my family puts me in a good mood and this helps me be a better worker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. The time I spend with my family often causes me not to spend time on activities at work that could be helpful to my career	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



**80. To what extent do the following statements about everyday life reflect your own feelings at the moment?**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
1 I feel that my life has meaning and purpose	1	2	3	4	5
2 I feel I have value	1	2	3	4	5
3 I am able to make decision about my life	1	2	3	4	5
4 I am able to act according to what I consider to be important	1	2	3	4	5
5 I feel my life is well under my control	1	2	3	4	5
6 I feel that I am coping	1	2	3	4	5
7 If I come into difficulty, I can usually find a solution	1	2	3	4	5
8 I know who to turn to if I am having a difficult time	1	2	3	4	5

**81. Over the past four weeks, how much of your time have you spent feeling:**

*Please select one option on each line.*

	None of the time	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

**82. In the past six months, have you been worried about the following parenting or family related issues?**

	Not concerned	Slightly concerned	Very concerned
1 My own parenting skills adequacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 My own ability to cope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Losing control in conflict situations with my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 My own feelings of hatred towards my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Using physical punishment on my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Loneliness, having sole responsibility for parenting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Problems in my relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Problems in the child's visitation arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Mental health problems or serious illness of a member of my family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 My own substance abuse or the substance abuse of a friend or family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Overuse/problematic use of the internet or problem gaming by me or a friend or family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Another concern, please specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**83. How well do the following statements describe your 1-year-old??**

	My child.....	Much less than average		Average		Much more than Average		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	is constantly on the go	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	often gives up when	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	trying to learn something new	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	fears many things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13	is easily 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 or situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16	is an extrovert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17	is interested in many things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18	is a quick learner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19	is strong willed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20	is physically very active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21	is easily unsettled	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22	is helpful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23	whinges	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	is easy going	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25	prefers being on their own	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26	enjoys the company of others	2	3	4	5	6	7	
27	is interested in new things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28	is quick to understand new things they hear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29	wants things to go their own way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30	is energetic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31	is only able to concentrate for a few minutes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32	tends to withdraw	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
33	disagrees with me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
34	enjoys playing outside	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
35	is loving	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
36	is good at speaking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	lacks confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
38	cares about others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
39	is quick to anger	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
40	takes the feelings others into account	12	3	4	5	6	7	
41	is easily offended	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
42	has a sense of humour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
43	is good company	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
44	is considerate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
45	is shy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46	Has an extensive vocabulary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
47	Struggles to cope with new situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



**84. Among your friends and family, who has provided you with practical or emotional support with parenting?**

	Not applicable	None at all	Some	Enough
My partner or the child's other parent	1	2	3	4
My own parents	1	2	3	4
My partner's parents	1	2	3	4
My own or my partner's siblings	1	2	3	4
Other relatives	1	2	3	4
Friends	1	2	3	4
Neighbours	1	2	3	4
Colleagues	1	2	3	4

**85. Does your family use the following fee paying services?**

	Very rarely or never	A few times a year	Monthly	Weekly
1. Cleaner or domestic help	1	2	3	4
2. Babysitters/childcare	1	2	3	4

**Your home and financial situation**

**86. What sort of property do you currently live in? (What is your current form of tenure?)**

- 1 Own property
- 2 Rented property
- 3 Right of occupancy
- 4 Shared ownership property
- 6 Other, please specify

**87. What is the total floor area of your home?**

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**88. How satisfied are you with your current living arrangements?**

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

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

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

**90. What is your family's current monthly income?**

*Please include all net income, including salaried and business income as well as Kela benefits and unemployment benefit*

- 1 < €500
- 2 500 – 1000
- 3 1001 – 2000
- 4 2001 – 3000
- 5 3001 – 4000
- 6 4001 – 5000
- 7 5001 – 6000
- 8 6001 – 7000
- 9 7001 – 8000
- 10 > €8000

**91. How satisfied are you with your family's income?**

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

**POLITICAL DECISION MAKING**

**92. What are your views on child care-related decisions taken by the Finnish parliament recently?**

*Further information on these issues is available in the box below.*

	Completely wrong decision	Wrong decision	Neither right or wrong decision	Right decision	Completely right decision	Don't know
1. Increase to day care fees	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. Increased day care group sizes	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Restriction to day care entitlement when one parent is at home	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. Flexible care allowance	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. Reduction in annual leave accrued during parental leave	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. Removal of higher rate parental allowance period	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. Compulsory pre-primary education	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. Day care provision following pre-primary education hours	1	2	3	4	5	6



**93. Has your municipality restricted the day care entitlement to 20 hours if one parent or guardian is at home (e.g. unemployed or retired)?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes
- 3 Don't know

**94. What are your views on the following day care-related issues?**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b>OWN MUNICIPALITY</b>					
1. My municipality offers a sufficient choice of day care services (e.g. provision at municipal and private day care centres and childminders)	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
<b>GENERAL OUTLOOK</b>					
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 day care provision is of higher quality than private provision	1	2	3	4	5
7. Restricting day care eligibility will disadvantage children	1	2	3	4	5
8. Restricting day care eligibility 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. There should be more private day care provision	1	2	3	4	5
11. Private day care providers offer a more diverse range of activities than municipal providers	1	2	3	4	5
12. Municipalities should invest more in municipal day care provision than private day care provision	1	2	3	4	5
13. It is appropriate to restrict day care eligibility if one parent is at home	1	2	3	4	5
14. Municipal day care providers are better than private providers at meeting children's special needs	1	2	3	4	5
15. The home care allowance entitlement period should be cut	1	2	3	4	5

## H. Religion, ethnicity and immigration

**95. Do you consider yourself as belonging to any particular religion or denomination?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 I would rather not say
- 4 Don't know

**96. What religion/religious community you affiliate yourself with?**

*If you practice more than one religion, please choose the one that is most important to you.*

- 1 Evangelic Lutheran church
- 2 Russian Orthodox Church
- 3 Roman Catholic Church
- 4 Pentecostalism
- 5 Free churches
- 6 Adventism
- 7 Jehovah's Witnesses
- 8 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- 9 Judaism
- 10 Islam
- 11 Eastern religions
- 11 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**97. How important is religion in your life?**

1. Not at all important
2. Slightly important
3. Moderately important
4. Very important

**98. Are you a member of an ethnic minority in Finland?**

- 1 No
- 2 Yes (e.g. Sami, Romany, Russian, Estonian, Somalian, Arab)

**99. What is your country of birth?**

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

## Miscellaneous

**100. Please enter your personal ID code here.**

*You can find your ID code at the end of the cover letter of Early childhood education survey 2016 which we mailed you.*

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

- 1 Alone
- 2 With my- partner
- 3 With another person, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Consent form

**Consent for use of register data**

*As we carry out research into the take up of the different forms of family leave across different population groups, we require data that is difficult to obtain through surveys. This is why we would like to ask you if you would consent to information held by the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Statistics Finland and the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA) being used to complement the responses you have provided. We will merge the data using your personal identity code (henkilötunnus). The information obtained through the registers will only be used for the purposes of scientific research. We will eliminate all identifying information and the results will be reported without identifying you or any other private individual.*

**103. I consent to my personal information being used**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**104. Participation in interviews**

Over the course of next autumn and winter, we will invite some of the respondents to this survey to take part in interviews that will explore the survey questions in more detail.

You can approach me regarding an interview

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

### 105. Participation in prize draw

All survey respondents will be entered into a draw to win two tablet computers and six Kesko/S Group gift cards worth EUR 50.

- 1 Please enter me for the draw
- 2 Please do not enter me for the draw

Contact details:

Place and date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Personal identity code \_\_\_\_\_

(Please enter your personal identity code if you have given consent for us to access register data held by THL, Statistics Finland and KELA.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

***Your responses will be submitted when you press "Send"***

**Thank you for completing the survey!**