COVER LETTER

Business Address: Center Location:

This is your chance to influence the rates ODJFS pays for child care.

We're interested in receiving responses to the attached questionnaire from all child care providers, regardless of whether you provide subsidized care or not. Information you provide about your subsidized children will help us gauge the demand for subsidized services. Information you provide about the rates you charge your private clients will help to set subsidy rates for underprivileged children.

We are asking all licensed centers and type A home providers to complete this questionnaire. Completing the questionnaire will not require you to participate in the subsidized care program.

This questionnaire should take about 10 minutes to complete. Please return the questionnaire by **April 25, 2008**. Returning your questionnaire before this date will guarantee that your rates will be included in the analysis of responses. We have enclosed a self addressed, postage paid envelope so you can return the questionnaire at no cost to you. We need information about each location you operate to accurately determine the rates across Ohio. **Please complete a questionnaire for each location, even if all locations have the same rates.**

Your individual responses to the survey will only be viewed by Ohio State University (not ODJFS). Names and addresses will be removed from the questionnaire when it is received.

If you are no longer providing child care services at this location, please write "NA" on the questionnaire and return it to us.

If you have questions about this project, please call the ODJFS Bureau of Child Care & Development at (614)466-1213 and ask to speak with Matthew J. Murray. You also may go to http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/marketrate2008.stm to learn more.

We appreciate your response to this questionnaire.

Sincerely,

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2008 Ohio Child Care Questionnaire

This questionnaire was designed to collect information about enrollments and rates despite differences among providers in how they deliver their services.

Please complete this questionnaire using enrollment and rate information for the location shown on the previous page.

The questionnaire is divided into different sections by the age of children receiving care. The age groups in this questionnaire are:

- Ages newborn through 17 months (INFANT)
- Ages 18 months through 35 months (TODDLER)
- Ages 3 through 5 years not yet in kindergarten (PRE-SCHOOL) - **Excluding ELI children**
- Ages 5 through 12 years enrolled in kindergarten or higher (SCHOOL-AGE)

In each section, you are asked to provide the following information:

- The total number of children enrolled in an age group at this location.
- The total number of children enrolled, broken down by the number of hours they are at your facility.
- The total number of *subsidized* children enrolled, broken down by the number of hours they are at your facility.
- The private-pay rates you would charge the general public in different situations. **To determine the rate, consider how each request falls into your <u>current</u> private pay rate schedule**.

All of the rate schedule questions have an answer space for "dollars per week" or "dollars per hour." This is because many providers charge by the week or hour in these situations. If you charge by some other period (e.g., month or day), please use the second space to tell us what and how you charge. For example:

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_<u>200</u>_ per _<u>month</u>_(billing period)

OR …

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_<u>35</u>_ per _<u>day</u>_(billing period)

When answering the rate questions, please do not include any discounts in the rates. If you have sliding scales based on income, please tell us your maximum rates. For the purposes of this questionnaire, please consider all care to be delivered on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. <u>Do not invent rates for these questions. You can skip ones that don't apply to your location. For example, do not divide your weekly rate by 40 to obtain an hourly rate.</u>

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Section 1: Children ages newborn through 17 months old

How many children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location?

(In the box below, please enter the number of children. If no children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location, enter "0")

Then, if you entered…

"0" but you would accept a new child in this age group if one of your slots were available	→ ***Skip to Section 1A below***
"0" and you would not accept a new child in this age group even if one of your slots were available	→ ***Skip to Section 2***
A number other than "0"	→ ***Complete the table and Section 1A below***

Of those children enrolled at this location in this age group, how many children are:	Do not offer these services at this location	Total Number of Children Enrolled at this location	Number of Subsidized Children* at this location
Enrolled 25 – 60 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 7 – 24.9 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 6.9 hours or less per week	○		

****Please enter the number of children at this location who receive your services through JFS subsidized child care paid by an Ohio county or the state***

1A. Using your rate schedule for <u>private pay clients at this location</u>, and considering only the rates charged to the general public,
(Note: please only consider care provided on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

What would you charge for a 9-month-old enrolled for 45 hours per week (for example, 9 hours per day, 5 days per week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 9-month-old enrolled for 21 hours per week (for example, 7 hours per day, 3 days per week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

What would you charge for a 9-month-old in your care for 3 hours per week?

$_____ per hour….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

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Section 2: Children ages 18 months through 35 months

How many children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location?

(In the box below, please enter the number of children. If no children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location, enter "0")

Then, if you entered…

"0" but you would accept a new child in this age group if one of your slots were available	→ ***Skip to Section 2A below***
"0" and you would not accept a new child in this age group even if one of your slots were available	→ ***Skip to Section 3***
A number other than "0"	→ ***Complete the table and Section 2A below***

Of those children enrolled at this location in this age group, how many children are:	Do not offer these services at this location	Total Number of Children Enrolled at this location	Number of Subsidized Children* at this location
Enrolled 25 – 60 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 7 – 24.9 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 6.9 hours or less per week	○		

****Please enter the number of children at this location who receive your services through JFS subsidized child care paid by an Ohio county or the state***

2A. Using your rate schedule for <u>private pay clients at this location</u>, and considering only the rates charged to the general public,
(Note: please only consider care provided on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

What would you charge for a 27-month-old enrolled for 45 hours per week (for example, 9 hours per day, 5 days a week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 27-month-old enrolled for 21 hours per week (for example, 7 hours per day, 3 days a week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 27-month-old in your care for 3 hours per week?

$_____ per hour….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

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Section 3: Children ages 3 through 5 years, not yet in kindergarten, and not enrolled in the Early Learning Initiative (ELI) program or a public preschool

How many children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location?

(In the box below, please enter the number of children. If no children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location, enter "0")

Then, if you entered…

"0" but you would accept a new child in this age group if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 3A below***

"0" and you would not accept a new child in this age group even if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 4***

A number other than "0" → ***Complete the table and Section 3A below***

Of those children enrolled at this location in this age group, how many children are:	Do not offer these services at this location	Total Number of Children Enrolled at this location	Number of Subsidized Children* at this location
Enrolled 25 – 60 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 7 – 24.9 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 6.9 hours or less per week	○		

****Please enter the number of children at this location who receive your services through JFS subsidized child care paid by an Ohio county or the state (do not include ELI)***

3A. Using your rate schedule for private pay clients at this location, and considering only the rates charged to the general public,
(Note: please only consider care provided on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

What would you charge for a 4-year-old enrolled for 45 hours per week (for example, 9 hours per day, 5 days per week)?

$_____ per week….or…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 4-year-old enrolled for 21 hours per week (for example, 7 hours per day, 3 days per week)?

$_____ per week….or…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 4-year-old in your care for 3 hours per week?

$_____ per hour….or…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

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Section 4: Children ages 5 through 12 years who are in kindergarten or higher during the regular school-year

How many children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location?

(In the box below, please enter the number of children. If no children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location, enter "0")

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Then, if you entered…

"0" but you would accept a new child in this age group if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 4A below***

"0" and you would not accept a new child in this age group even if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 5***

A number other than "0" → ***Complete the table and Section 4A below***

Of those children enrolled at this location in this age group, how many children are:	Do not offer these services at this location	Total Number of Children Enrolled at this location	Number of Subsidized Children* at this location
Enrolled 25 – 60 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 7 – 24.9 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 6.9 hours or less per week	○		

****Please enter the number of children at this location who receive your services through JFS subsidized child care paid by an Ohio county or the state***

4A. Using your rate schedule for <u>private pay clients at this location</u>, and considering only the rates charged to the general public,
(Note: please only consider care provided on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old enrolled for 30 hours per week after school <u>during the regular school year</u> (for example, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old enrolled for 21 hours per week after school <u>during the regular school year</u> (for example, about 4.25 hours per day, 5 days per week)?

$_____ per week….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old in your care for 3 hours per week?

$_____ per hour….<u>or</u>…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

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Section 5: Children ages 5 through 12 years who are in kindergarten or higher during summer and school-vacation periods

How many children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location?

(In the box below, please enter the number of children. If no children in this age group are currently enrolled at this location, enter "0")

Then, if you entered…

"0" but you would accept a new child in this age group if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 5A below***

"0" and you would not accept a new child in this age group even if one of your slots were available → ***Skip to Section 6***

A number other than "0" → ***Complete the table and Section 5A below***

Of those children enrolled at this location in this age group, how many children are:	Do not offer these services at this location	Total Number of Children Enrolled at this location	Number of Subsidized Children* at this location
Enrolled 25 – 60 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 7 – 24.9 hours per week	○		
Enrolled 6.9 hours or less per week	○		

****Please enter the number of children at this location who receive your services through JFS subsidized child care paid by an Ohio county or the state***

5A. Using your rate schedule for private pay clients at this location, and considering only the rates charged to the general public,
(Note: please only consider care provided on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old enrolled for 45 hours per week during summer and school vacations (for example, 9 hours per day, 5 days per week)?

$_____ per week….or…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old enrolled for 21 hours per week during summer and school vacations (for example, 7 hours per day, 3 days per week)?

$_____ per week….or…..$_____ per _____(billing period)

What would you charge for a 7-year-old in your care for 3 hours per week during summer and school vacations?

$_____ per hour….or…..$_____ per _____ (billing period)

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Section 6: Accreditations/Quality Markers

Which, if any, of the following accreditations/quality markers does <u>this location</u> currently have? Some of these may not apply for the type of care you provide.

Accreditations/Quality Markers	(*Please check all that apply*)
Association of Christian School International (ACSI)	◯
Montessori Accreditation	◯
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	◯
National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)	◯
National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC) *(managed by the National Association of Child Care Providers (NACCP))*	◯
National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)	◯
National Afterschool Association (NAA)	◯
Step up to Quality (1, 2, or 3 star rated only)	◯
Accreditation or Licensing from the Cincinnati Governing Board	◯
Other Accreditation? *(please specify)* _____	◯

Do you personally have a Child Development Association (CDA) accreditation? Yes ◯ No ◯

What is the highest level of education that your center's director has received?
(please check one)

◯ Did not finish High School

◯ High School Diploma/GED

◯ Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Development, Nursing/Healthcare, or Business

◯ Associate's Degree in Another Field

◯ Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Development, Nursing/Healthcare, or Business

◯ Bachelor's Degree in Another Field

◯ Graduate Degree in Early Childhood Development, Nursing/Healthcare, or Business

◯ Graduate Degree in Another Field

Please use the enclosed envelope to return this questionnaire at no cost to you.
You may also mail the questionnaire to:

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The Ohio State University
Columbus OH 43210

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