Center-Based FAQs

Who is NORC at the University of Chicago?
NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) is conducting this study. NORC is an independent, non-partisan research institution that helps federal agencies, decision-makers, and nonprofits make better decisions through data and analysis. For more information about us, please visit www.norc.org.

How can I learn more about the NSECE and how the 2012 survey data has been used?
More information about the NSECE 2012 data and findings can be found at: http://nsece.norc.org.

What is the NSECE?
The National Survey of Early Care and Education is the only study aimed at better understanding the people and programs throughout the country that take care of America’s children and the services that they provide. The study was first conducted in 2012 and we need to collect up-to-date information to properly inform policies and practices to support early care and education providers.

How was I selected?
You have been selected for participation in this study from a list of providers in your area based on geographic and program criteria. It is important for us to hear from every selected provider to get a complete picture of the availability of early care and education services in your area.

How do I know this is legitimate?
This survey has been approved by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget number 0970-0391. Without this number we could not conduct this survey.

What kinds of questions will you ask?
The survey will include various questions related to early care and education (ECE), including
- The type of care your program provides
- How you seek new children to serve
- General information about the structure of your services
How do I know my information will be kept safe and private?
All NORC staff, including interviewers, must sign a pledge to protect your information. If this pledge is broken an employee can lose his/her job and face legal action. Answers that could identify you or your program in any way are separated from your other responses. Survey findings are put into summary reports that contain no names or other identifying information. Your name or any identifying information will never be released to the public.

Who sees my answers?
Only a few people who work on this survey ever see any personal information. Survey findings are put into summary reports that contain no names or other identifying information. This information will be used solely for the purposes of this study. Information that could identify you or your organization will never be released to the public.

How do you protect my information?
All information that you provide will be kept private to the fullest extent provided by the law. If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, you may call the NORC Institutional Review Board Administrator, toll free, at 1-866-309-0542.

How long does the survey take?
The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete.

If you have any other questions, call us toll-free at 1-800-487-4609
or by email at nsece-prov@norc.org.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number for this information collection is 0970-0391 and the expiration date is 10/31/2019. Please send comments regarding the time required for this survey or any other aspect of the described information collection to: NORC at the University of Chicago, 55 E Monroe St, Ste 3000, Chicago, IL, 60603, Attention: A. Rupa Datta.