

## **Child and Family Background Questionnaire**

All of these questions are optional for you to answer. Our goal with this list of questions is to learn about your child and family and ways we can best support your family unit, recognize your child's unique attributes, and celebrate the diversity of the families and community we serve. If you're not comfortable answering any of these questions or simply don't have an answer to them, feel free to leave them blank. The more information you provide, the better we hope to be able to serve your family!

1. Child's Name and nicknames:
2. Parents names and occupations:
3. Does your child have any allergies or health concerns we should be aware of?
4. Any fears that we should be aware of (loud noises, animals, dark, etc.)?
5. Any foods your child specifically likes or dislikes?
6. Does your child have a hard time falling asleep when tired? If so what are some things you do to help them fall asleep?
7. Do you have any concerns about your child attending child care? Please know we take every concern seriously and will do our best to ensure you are satisfied with the care we offer.
8. Aside from taking great care of your child and offering a safe, loving, and stimulating environment, what are your expectations of Green Garden Child Development Center?
9. Any anticipated adjustment problems for your child?
10. Any anticipated adjustment problems for yourself?
11. Unique family situations you would like us to be aware of? (raised by someone other than biological parent, parent separation, custody situations, etc.)

12. Are you interested in volunteering your time or talents to help our program? If so, what area would you be interested in helping in? (Volunteer opportunities include reading a book to the classroom, sharing your profession with the class, teaching the children a skill, “handyman” help around the center and playground, sewing items for classrooms, playing an instrument during music time, etc.)
13. What holidays or special occasions does your family celebrate?
14. How can we celebrate your family? How can you help support this?
- a. Is there something special about your family’s background, culture, or heritage that we can celebrate in your child’s classroom?
  - b. Is there something unique about your family that could be shared with your child's classroom?
  - c. Is there a way this could be represented physically in our classroom with a tangible item (examples would include something special from your culture, a special family hobby, a favorite book that is an important part of your family, etc.)
15. Are there languages other than English are spoken in your home? If so, would you like those languages incorporated during your child’s school experience?
16. How much screen time does your child have at home on a typical day?
17. How much “green time” (time in nature or outdoors) does your child have at home on a typical day?
18. What does a typical weekend look like in your home?
19. What does a typical bedtime routine look like in your home?
20. How do you discipline your child?
21. What are your child’s strengths?

22. What are some of your favorite things about your child?
23. What are some areas you believe your child needs support in during the next year?
24. Are you currently experiencing any challenges with your child that you could use support or resources for?
25. How comfortable are you with your child getting messy during the day (due to playing in the mud, art work, self-feeding)?
26. What are some experiences you hope your child will have during the next year at Green Garden?
27. What are your expectations for your child's growth and development during the next year at Green Garden?
28. What steps would you like us to take if your child is inconsolable?
29. If your child is exhibiting challenging behaviors, seems unhappy, is having a rough day, or appears to be ill during their day with us, how would you prefer we communicate that to you? (Disclaimer-we know your work day is busy, in a serious situation we will call you no matter what, for minor situations we want to be mindful of your communication preferences) during your child's day with us would you like us to
- a. Call you right away?
  - b. Send a message through our reporting app?
  - c. Let you know about it at pick up?
  - d. Only tell you if it is a major concern?
30. Is there any additional information your feel we should know about your family or child?