

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHEAST IOWA
Early Head Start Program

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Child's Name _____ Child's age _____

Teacher _____ Date completed _____

Person completing form _____

Please read each of the following statements about young children and parenting practices. Check the response as to whether or not you agree or disagree with the statement. Please add any comments or questions you may have.

Statement	Agree	Disagree	Comments or Questions
1. Attending to a baby whenever he/she cries during the first few weeks of life results in a spoiled child.			
2. Allowing a baby, over 9 months old, to "cry it out" should only be used if all their needs have been met.			
3. Babies can be left in their carriers or cribs for most of the day without harming their development.			
4. It is important to talk to babies before they understand the meaning of words.			
5. Babies practice head and neck control by being placed on their backs an hour each day.			
6. To prevent accidents from occurring, stairs must have gates.			
7. Babies less than 12 months of age practice problem-solving.			
8. Attachment/bonding which forms between the baby and the primary caregiver is an important step in social development.			
9. When a child between 8 and 14 months of age learns a new motor skill, he/she likes to practice it over and over again.			
10. Accidents happen, so infants and children should not be encouraged to explore his/her new environment/surroundings.			

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11. Discipline involves setting limits and giving your child boundaries.			
12. It is normal for a two year old child to say "no" to his parents.			
13. Between the ages of 12 and 24 months, toddlers like toys and objects they can interact with rather than toys they can only watch.			
14. Children develop language naturally, so parents don't need to worry about finding ways to help them start talking.			
15. Parents should encourage children to express their feelings, both bad and good, by giving them words to use.			
16. A child can understand words before he/she is able to speak (verbalize).			
17. It does no good to look at books with infants. They do not understand at this age.			
18. Infants and toddlers enjoy books with thick pages and vinyl/cloth books that they can put in their mouths.			
19. A time should be set for looking at and reading books with infants and toddlers.			
20. Exposure to books helps develop a love of reading.			
21. Babies learn language skills when they explore books and are read to by the adults in their lives.			
22. It is ok to let children run around while you are loading and unloading other children or items in and out of your vehicle.			
23. Young children should be taught simple pedestrian safety rules.			
24. What do you think your child needs the most from you?			