

2010 YCP Family Survey

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Please note: All comments are included except those that refer to specific individuals.

Which class does your child attend?


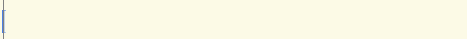
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1	Morning Class	9	60%
2	Afternoon Class	6	40%
	Total	15	100%

The handbook and information shared at the opening conference provided my family with an appropriate introduction to the Young Children's Program.

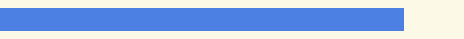

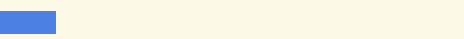
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	10	63%
2	Agree	6	38%
3	No Opinion	0	0%
4	Disagree	0	0%
5	Strongly Disagree	0	0%
	Total	16	100%

The modified schedule at the beginning of the school year supported my child's positive adjustment (or re-adjustment) to the YCP.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	5	31%
2	Agree	3	19%
3	No Opinion	5	31%

4	Disagree		3	19%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		16	100%

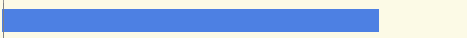
A family picnic was held prior to the opening of school. Based on your experience, should this event be continued?


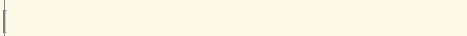

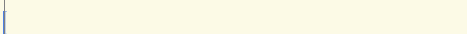
#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		14	88%
2	No		0	0%
3	Did Not Attend		2	13%
	Total		16	100%

What suggestions do you have for improving the orientation process at the beginning of the school year?

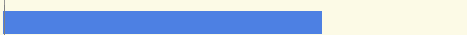

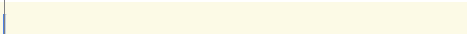

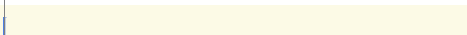
Text Response
I don't think the modified schedule was needed for returning students.
No improvement needed. It was great!
none
The staggered schedule at the beginning didn't seem to help and made scheduling difficult.
I felt well oriented at the start of school - so don't think I would change anything
The school days are so short anyway, that early pick up for the first week seemed unnecessary.
I think everything was wonderful! No improvements needed.

The Young Children's Program offers my child positive opportunities for learning.

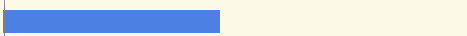

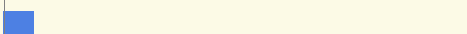

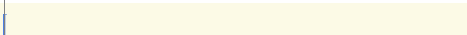
#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		13	81%

2	Agree		2	13%
3	No Opinion		0	0%
4	Disagree		1	6%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		16	100%

The goals of the YCP are consistent with those I have for my child.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		11	69%
2	Agree		4	25%
3	No Opinion		0	0%
4	Disagree		1	6%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		16	100%

It is important for my child to attend an accredited preschool.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		7	47%
2	Agree		7	47%
3	No Opinion		1	7%
4	Disagree		0	0%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		15	100%

Please rate the following means of YCP communication.

#	Question	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Helpful	No Basis to Judge	Responses	Mean
1	Message Board in	13	2	0	0	15	1.13

	Entrance Hall						
2	Monthly Event Calendar (online)	11	4	0	0	15	1.27
3	Web Site	11	4	0	0	15	1.27
4	Weekly Newsletters (online)	12	3	0	0	15	1.20

10. Please rate the following according to their effectiveness in supporting understanding of your child's progress and behavior at school.

#	Question	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Helpful	I did not experience this type of communication.	Responses	Mean
1	Scheduled conferences with the teacher	13	2	0	0	15	1.13
2	Conversations with the teacher before or after school	13	2	0	0	15	1.13
3	Email communication with the teacher	13	1	1	0	15	1.20
4	Phone conversations with the teacher	6	3	0	6	15	2.40
5	Written communication from the teacher	8	3	0	4	15	2.00

What specific suggestions do you have for improving personal and program communication?

Text Response

A monthly calendar to be sent home, not only internet calendar

The personal communication was wonderful! For program communication, I have a small suggestion...It

may be helpful to have a space on the bulletin board dedicated to "upcoming field trips/events." If the next trip/event and its date/time were always posted there, people may have more advance notice about the trip/event.

prefer to have the printed calendar and weekly schedules in the cubbies on monday --- online is just not as helpful

Specific info about each field trip earlier

Offering the option to receive the monthly calendar in the mail.


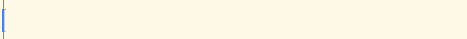
Although I believe in saving paper, for upcoming events such as field trips, it would be helpful to have reminders in the form of hard copies (paper newsletter, etc.)

My family has participated with the class in the following ways this year. Check all that apply.

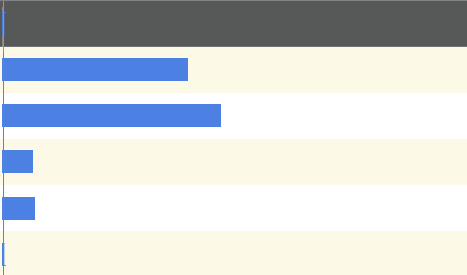
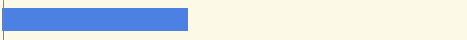

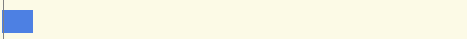

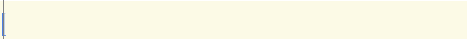
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Chaperoning or providing transportation for a field trip	14	93%
2	Hosting a field trip at our home or place of work	1	7%
3	Attending holiday parties or events at school	15	100%
4	Sharing a special talent or interest with the class	3	20%
5	Sharing special family traditions with the class	1	7%
6	Sharing/donating equipment or toys	4	27%
7	Assisting with laundry	0	0%
8	Preparing end-of-semester gifts for JMU students	6	40%

I feel welcome at the Young Children's Program.

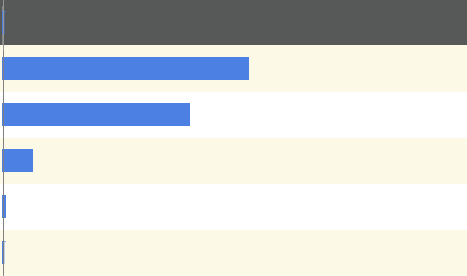
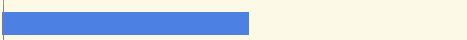

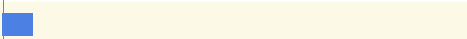


#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	11	73%
2	Agree	3	20%
3	No Opinion	0	0%

4	Disagree		1	7%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		15	100%

14. The YCP coordinator (Sue Hutchinson) is an effective leader.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		6	40%
2	Agree		7	47%
3	No Opinion		1	7%
4	Disagree		1	7%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		15	100%

Information is communicated by the coordinator in a clear and timely manner.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		8	53%
2	Agree		6	40%
3	No Opinion		1	7%
4	Disagree		0	0%
5	Strongly Disagree		0	0%
	Total		15	100%

Have you visited?

#	Question	Yes	No	Responses	Mean
1	Art Gallery	9	4	13	1.31
2	Classroom News	13	1	14	1.07

3	Community Resources	7	6	13	1.46
4	Curriculum & Assessment	8	5	13	1.38
5	Family Involvement	8	5	13	1.38
6	Forms	9	4	13	1.31
7	Goals	8	5	13	1.38
8	JMU Student Involvement	9	4	13	1.31
9	Program Operation	8	5	13	1.38

What suggestions do you have for improving the YCP web site?

Text Response

making sure the calendars do get updated in a timely manner --- especially if printed ones are not provided (which i would prefer)

none at this time

Just bare in mind that not every family has home access to the YCP web site.

It took me awhile to realize that the calendar doesn't list what is happening during the week for your class. You must visit each individual teacher. It was a little confusing and made it more time-consuming to use website for this purpose.

The cost of tuition is fair for the services provided by the YCP.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	7	50%
2	Agree	6	43%
3	No Opinion	1	7%
4	Disagree	0	0%
5	Strongly Disagree	0	0%
	Total	14	100%

If the option of full day child care was available in combination with the YCP, would you use this service?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	7	50%
2	No	3	21%
3	Not Sure	4	29%
	Total	14	100%




Parking is adequate to meet program needs.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	0	0%
2	Agree	5	36%
3	No Opinion	1	7%
4	Disagree	6	43%
5	Strongly Disagree	2	14%
6	No Basis to Judge	0	0%
	Total	14	100%

In an average week, how many days is legal parking available when transporting your child to and from the YCP?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	3	21%
3	3	4	29%
4	4	4	29%
5	5	2	14%
6	No Basis to Judge	1	7%
	Total	14	100%

Which of the following weather cancellation policies do you prefer?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Follow closure decisions made by Harrisonburg City Schools		2	14%
2	Follow closure decisions made by Harrisonburg City Schools, but the YCP operates on late opening days		4	29%
3	Follow closure and delay decisions made by JMU		8	57%
	Total		14	100%

The University is continuing to urge all departments and programs to conserve resources as much as possible. Please respond to the following efforts or proposed efforts to communicate electronically.

#	Question	It is convenient for my family to receive these documents electronically.	I prefer paper copies of these documents.	Responses	Mean
1	Classroom Newsletters & Event Calendars	9	5	14	1.36
2	Program Newsletters	13	1	14	1.07
3	Program Handbook	8	6	14	1.43

What suggestions do you have for improving the handbook?

Text Response

none

I have referenced the handbook quite a few times this year-mostly for YCP phone number. Our copy of the handbook is by our telephone at home.

I looked at the handbook often. It provided ALL the information I needed in one easy book!

What suggestions do you have for family meeting topics or presenters for next year?

Text Response

Positive and Effective Discipline--- specialist in this area

transition to kindergarten! Perhaps someone from the city or county recreation depts. could visit and tell us about programs, sports, activities they have for pre-school children throughout the year.

no family meetings this year?? would have liked to have some options.

Positive parenting.

27. Are there other comments or suggestions you would like to share about the Young Children's Program or your child's experiences?

Text Response

It has been such a wonderful, rewarding experience, both academically and socially. We couldn't be happier with the program!

our child has had a wonderful experience at the YCP. Thank you for providing wonderful learning opportunities for our child.

thank you for all that you offer to our kids

Great experience!

We have had a great year. We are very thankful to be at YCP.

We had a wonderful experience at YCP this year and wish that JMU still had school for older grades. The local kindergarden orientation seemed like it was lacking after being at the YCP. I am worried my child will be underserved in the school district.

We saw so much growth and development in our child this year. So much of what our child learned in the classroom carried over to home - wanting to plant flowers at home, getting a pet fish, measuring & cooking, singing songs learned in pre-school, coughing in the elbow, washing hands/using hand cleanser, feeding birds, etc. There were days that when we dropped off our child, we wanted to stay and play because of all the wonderful things setting out for the children to explore in the classroom.

Both my children had WONDERFUL experiences. I highly recommend YCP to friends.