**PLEASE READ THIS FIRST**

This questionnaire should be accompanied by an information pack. It is important that you read this information before filling out the questionnaire. If you have any questions, please ring 01-8632000 and ask for the Growing Up in Ireland team.

**IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE WITH AN INTERVIEWER OVER THE PHONE, PLEASE CALL (01) 8632000 DURING OFFICE HOURS**

First of all, we would like to ask you some questions about caring for the study child in particular.

**Q1. Which of the following best describes your relationship to the study child?**

- Grandmother ........................................ 1
- Grandfather ......................................... 2
- Other relative (please specify) .............. 3
- Au pair / Nanny .................................... 4
- Friend of parent .................................. 5
- Neighbour......................................... 6
- Registered childminder ...................... 7
- Unregistered childminder .................. 8
- Other (please specify) ....................... 9

**Q2. Do you live in the home of the study child (include granny flat or guest accommodation as part of the child’s home)?**

- Yes ………….. 1
- No ………….. 2

**Q3. Do you care for the study child in his / her own home; in your home or somewhere else?**

- Study Child’s home………………………… 1
- My own home ………………………… 2
- Somewhere else (please specify where) ____________ 3

**Q4. How long have you been caring for the study child?**

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**Q5. How many hours per week do you care for the study child?**

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**Q6. How many days per week do you care for the study child?**

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**Q7. Please think about your relationship with the study child. How easy or difficult do you find getting on with the child?**

- Very easy 1
- Somewhat easy 2
- Neither easy nor difficult 3
- Somewhat difficult 4
- Very difficult 5

*We would also like some general information on the environment in which you look after the study child*

**Q8. On a typical day, how many children are in your care (excluding the study child, but including your own children)?**

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**Q9. What ages are these children? (Please indicate the number of children in these age categories, again excluding the Study Child)**

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**Q10. How many of the following types of toys are there available to the child while in your care?**

- Cuddly toys or dolls ______ (Enter number of toys) 1
- Activity type toys _____ (number) 2

**Q11. When you are minding the Study Child how many children’s books are available to the Study Child to look at / to be read from etc? Do you estimate…**

- None ......................... 1
- 21-30 ....................... 4
- Less than 10........... 2
- More than 30......... 5
- Between 10 and 20 ....... 3
Q12. On average, how many hours per day does the child spend watching TV or DVD’s while in your care? ______ hrs

Q13. In a typical day, how long would the child spend asleep while in your care? ______ hours

Q14. On a typical day, how often would you get the chance to talk to the child on a one-to-one basis?

- Almost never [ ]
- Sometimes [ ]
- Often [ ]
- Always [ ]

Q15. Do you look after the study child when he or she is sick?

- Never [ ]
- Rarely [ ]
- Frequently [ ]
- Always [ ]

Finally, we would like to know some things about you.

Q16. What is your date of birth? (DD/MM/YYYY) ____________ (day) ____________ (mth) ________(yr)

Q17. What is your gender?

- Male [ ]
- Female [ ]

Q18. What nationality are you? ____________________________

Q19. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- Working for payment or profit [ ]
- Looking after home/family [ ]
- Looking for first regular job [ ]
- Retired from employment [ ]
- Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability [ ]
- Student or pupil [ ]
- Other (please specify) [ ]

Q20. Is caring for children your main occupation?

- Yes [ ]
- No [ ]

Q21. If no, please tell us your main occupation using precise terms (e.g. ‘national school teacher’ instead of ‘teacher’). ____________________________________________

Q22. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- No formal education [ ]
- Certificate [ ]
- Primary [ ]
- Diploma [ ]
- Junior Cert. or equivalent [ ]
- Degree [ ]
- Leaving Cert. or equivalent [ ]
- Postgraduate Degree [ ]

Q23. Do you have any specific qualification in childcare excluding your experience of raising your own children?

- No formal childcare qualification [ ]
- FETAC award (levels 4, 5 or 6) [ ]
- HETAC or Third Level qualification from University, Inst of Tech, St Nicholas Montessori College etc.[ ]
- A childcare award from outside Ireland [ ]
- Other related course(s) (e.g. teaching, nursing etc) please specify [ ]

Q24. Have you undertaken any other training relevant to caring for children? Tick all that apply

- Child psychology [ ]
- Nutrition/Diet [ ]
- Sign language [ ]
- Other [ ]
- First aid [ ]

Q25. How long have you regularly worked 10 or more hours per week in a childcare situation?

__ years __ months

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN THIS PROJECT.
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