FAMILY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FALL 2021

When interviewing the family, ask all of the questions

- Pregnancy and birth
 - 1. How did you know you were pregnant? How far along were you in your pregnancy when you found out you were pregnant?
 - 2. What was your reaction to learning you were pregnant? How did your loved ones respond?
 - 3. How did you feel during your pregnancy?
 - 4. Did you want to have a girl or a boy?
 - 5. What activities did you do while you were pregnant? Do you believe that any of those activities made your labor easier?
 - 6. Did you have any cravings during your pregnancy?
 - 7. What was your birth experience?
 - 8. Who supported you during your pregnancy and birth experience?
- First weeks
 - 1. Can you tell me about the first days you brought the baby home?
 - 2. How did you feel after your pregnancy?
 - 3. What was the baby's schedule (sleeping, eating) during the first weeks at home?
 - 4. Where did the baby sleep when they first came home?
 - 5. Were you able to understand the baby's different cries?
- Eating, sleeping & routines
 - 1. What is the baby's schedule for a typical day when does the baby eat, sleep, what time does the baby do different activities each day)?
 - 2. Did you bottle feed or breast feed?
 - 3. Does the baby eat solid food? When will/ did you start solid food?
 - 4. How does the baby let you know they are hungry?
 - 5. When does the baby eat now (schedule/time)? What are their eating habits?
 - 6. What is the baby's eating routine (where & how do you feed the baby)?
 - 7. Where does the baby sleep now?
 - 8. How does the baby let you know they are tired?
 - 9. Does the child have a set sleep schedule??.
 - 10. What is the child's sleep routine (what do they do before getting ready for sleep/nap, how do you put the baby to sleep)? Do they sleep with a pacifier or special toy?
 - 11. How does the baby let you know they need a diaper change?
 - 12. How often does your child get changed? Do you use any cream or powder when changing the baby?
 - 13. What is your routine for changing the baby (where do you change the baby, what do you do)?
 - 14. How do you plan to begin toilet training?
- Communication, including linguistic background, what languages family speaks
 - 1. What languages are spoken inside your home?
 - 2. What language do you typically use when speaking with your child?
 - 3. What languages is the baby exposed to outside of the home? What language do you prefer in a school/ child care setting?
 - 4. How does the baby communicate with you? How do you know when your child is asking for something? What gestures does your child make when upset, hungry, tired etc.?

- Gaze, Interest & Play Activities
 - 1. What are some games that you play with your baby?
 - 2. How do you normally engage with your child when you are playing with them?
 - 3. What books do you read to the baby?
 - 4. What kind of books does your child enjoy?
- Relationships with key people, who child spends time with, who's important
 - 1. Who does the baby spend time with during the day and evening?
 - 2. Who has a bond with the baby? (Who does your baby connect with the most?)
 - 3. Who is the baby most attached to?
 - 4. What role does extended family play in raising the baby?
 - 5. Who takes care of the baby when you are at work or have things to do?
- Reactions to strangers
 - 1. How does the baby react to strangers?
 - 2. How long does it take the baby to get to know a new person?
 - 3. How do you introduce your baby to new people?
- Self-Regulation & Temperament
 - 1. How does your baby soothe themselves when they are upset?
- Family culture, important beliefs and practices that affect child rearing
 - 1. What is your ethnicity?
 - 2. How do you define or describe your cultural background?
 - 3. How does your culture influence how you raise your baby?
 - 4. What traditions, holidays, special celebrations are important to your family?
 - 5. What does your family do to honor those traditions, holidays, and celebrations (who gathers together, where do you gather what food do you eat, what do you do, etc.)?
 - 6. Do you have any strongly held family beliefs around raising your baby?
 - 7. What do you think are the most important values to give your baby?
- Anything else you think to ask, want to know or that the parent wants to tell you
 - 1. Does your child have any allergies, health conditions or take any medications?
 - 2. What else would you like to share about your experience raising a baby?
 - 3. Where did your child's name come from?
 - 4. How have your beliefs and practices about family changed after having children?
 - 5. Does the baby have siblings?
 - 1. What is the relationship like between the siblings?
 - 2. How is it raising more than one child?