

BILINGUAL EXPERIENCES INTERVIEW

Hello, my name is _____ I work as a bilingual Resource Teacher/tutor in the ASD.-- [Visit with family member]--We feel that your child is very fortunate to speak two languages. The better your child speaks _____(L1), the more easily he/she will learn English. We need to know more about your child's first language in order to give them the best educational program at school. Do you have a few minutes to answer some questions?

1. How old was your child when s/he started to talk so others could understand him/her?

2. What language did you child learn to speak first? _____

3. Has your child has any major accidents or illnesses? Yes ___ No ___ (if yes, describe and get developmental history from nurse) _____

4. How old was your child when s/he learned to walk? _____

5. Are stories read to your child? _____ If so, in what language and by whom?

6. Do you listen to the radio and watch television in your first language?

7. Do you listen to the radio and watch television in English? _____

8. What language is used in church services and/or cultural activities? _____

9. Who lives in the home (parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.?) _____

10. Who takes care of your child after school? _____

10a. What language does that caregiver use? _____

11. About how much time do you or other caregivers spend with your child each day?

12. With whom does the child play when at home? _____

12a. What language do they usually use? _____

13. How much contact does the family have with the homeland? _____

13a. What kind of contact? (e.g. phone, travel, letters, etc.) _____

14. Will your child miss more than a week of school for a family activity? _____

14a. About what time of the year and what will the activity be? _____

15. How long has your family been in this country? _____

16. How long has your family been in the local community? _____

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Form Completed by _____ **Date:** _____
Student Name _____ **Student ID#** _____