

## Sample Child Care Needs Assessment

*Embassy Harmony* is concerned with the needs of its employees who have children requiring child care while their parents work. We are conducting this needs assessment to determine how to best meet the child care needs at post.

Return this questionnaire to: \_\_\_\_\_

Please, return by: \_\_\_\_\_

Call or contact for further information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please, answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible.

1. How many children, fourteen and under, do you have living in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please, specify the number of children, living in your home, according to the following age groups:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number of children</u>
0 - 12 months	_____
13 - 24 months	_____
2 - 4 years	_____
5 - 8 years	_____
9 - 14 years	_____

3. Specify the following type of child care presently used by your family according to the age group of the child. Check as many as used and fill in the age group as defined in item number 2.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Age group</u>
? spouse	_____
? relative living in my home	_____
? non-relative living in my home	_____
? relative not living in my home	_____
? non-relative not living in my home	_____
? nursery or preschool	_____
? child care center	_____
? after school program	_____

4. Our family finds our present child care arrangement overall: (please, check just one!)

- ? very satisfactory
- ? satisfactory
- ? average
- ? unsatisfactory
- ? very unsatisfactory

5. If you checked anything but *very satisfactory* for the previous question, please, answer the following.

We have not changed our present child care arrangement because:

- ? there are no alternatives.
- ? even though a less than perfect situation we prefer the consistency of keeping our children where they are.
- ? we will consider a change when our children are older.
- ? the easy location of our provider makes transportation not an issue.

6. Our primary mode of transportation to work is:

- ? personal car
- ? public transportation
- ? walking
- ? car pool
- ? USG transport

7. Which of the following would be of use to you as a working parent? Check as many as seem appropriate to you:

- ? a child care center within or near the work place, for infants and children from six weeks to five years
- ? flexibility in work hours
- ? flexibility in leave time
- ? list of family day care home providers, individuals who provide care in their home
- ? list of people who could provide care in your home
- ? employer financial support of child care expenses
- ? an employer who respects family issues

8. Of the above, which three would best meet your current child care needs? If none of these would meet your needs what would?

9. Is cost a major factor to you when selecting child care?