# Alaska CUBS

Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey



A Survey of the Health of Mothers and Young Children in Alaska

PRAMS Three-Year-Olds

Your experiences, thoughts and feelings are important!
Please complete the survey and mail it in the
enclosed postage paid envelope.

Your help is voluntary, and your answers are completely confidential.

Your answers will help us improve the health of young children
throughout Alaska.

If you have any questions about CUBS, please call the Alaska CUBS
Research Analyst at 1-888-269-3470. The call is free.
Answers to commonly asked questions are on
the last page of this survey.

## Important Information About CUBS Please Read Before Starting the Survey

- The Alaska Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey (CUBS) is a follow-up to the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) survey and is sponsored by the Alaska Division of Public Health. PRAMS is a research project sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alaska Division of Public Health.
- The purpose of CUBS is to find out about the health and well-being of mothers and young children in Alaska.
- You are being contacted because you completed the PRAMS survey a few months after your 3-year-old child was born. At that time, your name and address were picked by a computer from recent birth certificates. We are now asking all women who returned a PRAMS survey then to answer questions about their 3-year-old child.
- It takes about 20 minutes to answer all questions. Some questions may be sensitive, such as questions about depression or your child's misbehaviors, but they are all very important.
- You are free to do the survey or not. If you don't want to participate at all, or if you don't want to answer a particular question, that's okay. There is no penalty or loss of benefits for not participating or answering all questions.
- Your survey may be combined with information the health department has from other sources to evaluate other public health programs.
- If you choose to do the survey, your answers will be kept private to the extent allowed by law and will be used only for research. If you are currently in jail, your participation in the study will have no effect on parole or your legal status within the criminal justice system.
- Your name will not be on any reports from CUBS or any other evaluations conducted with CUBS data. The booklet has a number so we will know when it is returned.
- Your answers will be grouped with those from other women. What we learn from CUBS will
  be used to plan programs to help mothers and young children in Alaska. We will never report
  any information about specific individuals or report information in a way that allows a particular
  individual to be identified.
- Completing the survey means that you give your consent to participate in CUBS.

For all of the questions about "your child," please answer for your 3-year-old child whose name is in the letter that came with this survey.

1.	What is your child's date of birth?				
	Month	Day	20 Year		
2.	Does your child l	ive with you no	w?		
	□ No □ Yes				

If your child is not living with you now,

please go to Page 9, Question 44.

We would like to know your 3-year-old child's current height and weight.

If your child has been measured and weighed in the <u>last month</u>, use those measurements in your answers for Questions 3 and 4.

If your child has not been measured recently OR if you can't remember the measurements, please weigh and measure your child now. Here's how to measure your child's height using the tape measure that came with this survey.

BOOK

· Your child's height -

- 1. Find a place indoors next to a smooth flat wall. Take off shoes and thick clothing such as coats.
- 2. Place your child's back to the wall. Make sure the backs of his or her feet (heels) touch the wall.
- 3. Put a hardback book on your child's head like you are putting it on a shelf at the library, with the side of the book completely flat against the wall.
- 4. Make sure your child's arms are by their side, and their head is facing straight ahead, not tilted up or down.

  Check that their feet are flat on the floor
- 5. Mark the wall where the bottom of the book meets the wall and ask your child to step away.
- 6. Measure the distance from the floor to the mark **2 times** to get a good measurement.

	How tall is your child? (The tape measure that came with this survey shows inches only.)
	Inches
	OR
	Centimeters
	How much does your child weigh?
	Pounds
	OR
	Kilos
	e next questions are about your year-old child's eating habits.
•	The following statements are about breastfeeding or feeding pumped breast milk.  Please select the statement that best describes how
	you fed your child.
•	you fed your child.  ☐ I never fed breast milk to my child. ☐ I fed breast milk to my child for less than 1 month. ☐ I fed breast milk to my child for 1 month or more.

. Yesterday, about how many cups of each type of drink listed below did your child drink?

Circle the number of cups for each type or circle 0 (zero) if your child drank none.

(Less than one cup is shown below as <1 and more than three cups is shown as >3.)

Water0	<1	1	2	3	>3	cups
Milk (the type checked						
in Question 6)0	<1	1	2	3	>3	cups
100% fruit juice0	<1	1	2	3	>3	cups
Soda (such as Coke or						
Sprite)0	<1	1	2	3	>3	cups
Sweetened or fruit drinks						
(such as Kool-Aid,						
Tang, or Capri Sun)0	<1	1	2	3	>3	cups

8. Yesterday, how many times (including meals and snacks) did your child eat each of the foods listed below?

Circle the number of times for each item or circle 0 (zero) if none. (More than three times is shown as >3.)

Fresh, canned, frozen or					
dried fruit0	1	2	3	>3	times
French fries, tator tots or					
potato chips0	1	2	3	>3	times
Other vegetables or salad 0	1	2	3	>3	times
Candy, cookies, or other					
sweets 0	1	2	3	>3	times

#### The next questions are about your 3-year-old child's health and health care.

Cu	re.			getting health care for your owas not a problem.	child or circle	N (N	o) if it
9.	When your child is sick, wh him or her for medical care			was not a processin.		No	Yes
		Check <u>one</u> answer.		I couldn't get an appointmen wanted one		.N	Y
	_			I didn't have enough money			
	☐ Medical doctor's office (in			insurance to pay for it		.N	Y
	assistants or nurse practi			I had no way to get to the cli			
	Clinic at a hospital for Ala	ska Natives		doctor's office			Y
	☐ Village clinic			I couldn't take time off from	work	.N	Y
	☐ Military medical facility	: 1 - 2 60 1		I had no one to take care of r			
	☐ Alternative health care pro	vider's office such as a		other children		N	Y
	chiropractor, naturopath.  Urgent care or walk-in clir			The service my child needed			
	☐ Hospital emergency room	iic		available in my community		N	Y
	Other Plea	ce tell uc:		I couldn't find a health care	provider		
	2 Other	se ten us.		who would see my child		.N	Y
				The health care provider did			<b>T</b> 7
				how to treat or provide car		N	Y
10.	During the past 12 months, has your child received care from any of the following health care			I was not satisfied with the o available health care provi		N	Y
				Other problem			Y Y
	providers?	Check <u>all</u> that apply.		Please tell us:	•••••	14	1
	☐ Medical doctor ☐ Physician assistant or nurs ☐ Community health aide/pra ☐ Chiropractor, naturopath, of Other → Plea	actitioner (CHA/P) or homeopath	13.	Is your child <i>now</i> covered health plans?	oy any of the		
	☐ My child did not receive care provider during the	past 12 months.		<ul> <li>☐ Health insurance from a ju</li> <li>☐ Health insurance that you (not from a job)</li> <li>☐ Medicaid or Denali KidCoo</li> <li>☐ Alaska Native Health Ser</li> </ul>	or someone are vice or Nativ	e Regi	onal
11.	During the past 12 months, I well-child check-up?  A well-child check-up is a reg that usually occurs once a year	gular health care visit		Corporation (including ☐ TRICARE or other milita ☐ Other → Plea	Indian Healtl ry health care	1 Serv	
	□ No □ Yes			y any health i	nlan		
				☐ My child is not covered by now.	Go to Que		15

12. During the past 12 months, did any of the following problems keep you from getting health care for

For each item, circle Y (Yes) if it prevented you from

your child when he or she was sick?

14.	Was there <i>ever</i> a time since your child when he or she was not covered by any health plan?		
	□ No □ Yes □ Not sure		
15.	Has your child <i>ever</i> received care from following health care specialists or ther. For each specialist, circle Y (Yes) or circle.	apists?	
		No	Yes
	Speech or language therapist	.N	Y
	Hearing specialist (audiologist)	.N	Y
	Eye specialist (ophthalmologist or optometrist)	N	Y
	Physical or occupational therapist	.N	Y
	Behavioral or mental health specialist	N	Y
16.	Has your child <i>ever</i> been enrolled in or services from any of the following prog For each program, circle Y (Yes) or circle	rams?	
	WIC	<b>No</b> N	Yes Y

WIC	<b>No</b> N	Yes Y
Early Intervention (EI) or Infant Learning Program (ILP)	N	Y
School district special education or special needs program	N	Y
Head Start or Early Head Start	N	Y
TEFRA, CCMC, or MRDD waiver	N	Y

17. Here is a list of health conditions some young children may currently have. For each item, circle Y (Yes) if a health care provider has said your child has the condition *NOW* or circle N (No) if not.

	No	Yes
Vision problems that cannot be	NT	17
corrected with glasses	. N	Y
Hearing problems	. N	Y
Developmental delay	. N	Y
Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder	. N	Y
Serious behavioral problems	. N	Y
Epilepsy, convulsions, or seizures treated with daily medicines (anti-		
convulsants)	. N	Y
Allergy that causes hives or		
difficulty breathing	. N	Y

**18.** Here is a list of other health conditions young children may sometimes have. For each item, circle **Y** (Yes) if a health care provider has *EVER* said your child had the condition or circle **N** (No) if not.

Ear infections that required tubes	No N	Yes Y
Pneumonia treated with antibiotics	N	Y
Anemia (low iron in blood)	N	Y
Asthma or wheezing treated with inhalers, puffers or nebulizers	N	Y
Overweight for child's age or height	N	Y
Underweight for child's age or height	N	Y
Tooth decay or cavities	N	Y

19.	Yesterday, did you or anobrush his or her teeth?  □ No	ther adult help your child	24.	24. Have you ever been advised NOT to get childhood shots or immunizations for your child from any of the following sources? For each source, circle Y (Yes) or circle N (No				
	☐ Yes							
20	During the next 12 month	, has a health save		Medical doctor, physician assistant or	No	Yes		
20.	During the past 12 months provider prescribed fluor protect your child's teeth	ide drops or tablets to		nurse practitioner		Y		
	□ No			Chiropractor, naturopath or homeopath		Y Y		
	☐ Yes			Friends or family		Y		
				Newspaper, magazine, radio or TV		Y		
21.	When was your child <i>first</i> dental care provider?	seen by a dentist or	_	Internet website	.N	Y		
	☐ Before his or her 1 <sup>st</sup> bir☐ Between his or her 1 <sup>st</sup> a☐ Between his or her 2 <sup>nd</sup>	thday und 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthdays		If you answered N (No) to all of the a go to Question 26.	ıbove,	,		
	$\square$ After his or her 3 <sup>rd</sup> birth	nday	25.	Have you ever taken advice NOT to get childhood shots or immunizations for you child from any of the following sources?				
	☐ My child has not yet be dentist. →			For each source, circle Y (Yes) or circle N	(No).			
	dentist.	Go to Question 23			No	Yes		
22	What dental care has you	r child roccived?		Medical doctor, physician assistant or				
22.	vvnat uentai care nas you	1		nurse practitioner	.N	Y		
		Check <u>all</u> that apply.		Community health aide/practitioner (CHA/P)	N	Y		
				Chiropractor, naturopath or homeopath		Y		
	☐ Dental check-up or teeth	cleaning		Friends or family		Y		
	☐ Sealant treatment			Newspaper, magazine, radio or TV	.N	Y		
	☐ Dental filling, cap or cro ☐ Tooth pulled	own		Internet website	N	Y		
	Other Pl	ease tell us:						
			T	he next questions are about	thin	gs		
22	33/1 · 1 · 6/1 · 6 · 1 · ·		yo	ur 3-year-old child may do	or n	nay		
23.	Which one of the following describes your beliefs about		ha	ive experienced.				
	or immunizations?	Check one statement.	26	Charles and the standard at 1966	4			
	☐ My child should never get any shots. ☐ It is okay for my child to wait until school to get shots.			Children normally develop skills at different and not all children will be able to do the things. For each item, please circle Y (Ye child can do the action <i>NOW</i> or circle N (I she cannot.	e follo es) if y	wing our		
	☐ It is important for my ch	lule set by my doctor, but I refuse others. ild to get <i>all</i> shots			.N .N	Yes Y Y Y Y		

27.	Is your child <i>usually</i> able to say good-bye to without clinging or crying?	you	The next questions are about things			
	□ No □ Yes		•	u and other adults may do with ur 3-year-old child.		
28.	Does your child <i>usually</i> use a toilet during the daytime?	ie	32.	Yesterday, how much time did you or someone els read aloud to your child one-on-one or in a family group?		
	□ No □ Yes			Hours : Minutes		
29.	Has your child ever experienced any of the following events or situations?  For each event, circle Y (Yes) or circle N (No).			□ None		
	No  Death in the immediate family	Yes Y	33.	How many children's picture books are in your home <i>now</i> , including library books? Please only include picture books that are for young children.		
	Being away from either parent for longer than one month	Y Y Y		☐ More than 25 children's books ☐ 11 to 25 children's books ☐ 6 to 10 children's books ☐ 1 to 5 children's books ☐ No children's books		
30.	Has anyone outside of your home <i>ever</i> expre		34.	Yesterday, how much time did your child spend watching television, videos or DVDs?		
	concern about how much your child does and the following things to other children? For each action, circle Y (Yes) or circle N (No)	y of		Hours : Minutes		
	No Hit, push, pinch, or kick	Yes Y		□ None		
	Bite hardN	Y	35.	Yesterday, did you sit with your child while he or she watched television, videos or DVDs?		
31.	During the past week, did your child ride on a ATV (four-wheeler) or snow machine (sno-g (This includes if he or she was being pulled belone in a sled or trailer.)	o)?		☐ No ☐ Yes, part of the time ☐ Yes, the whole time		
	□ No □ Yes		36.	Here is a list of statements describing some children's daily life. For each statement, circle Y (Yes) if you feel that it describes your child's situation or circle N (No) if not.		
				My child has a caring relationship with at least one adult other than parents N  My child knows the name of at least		

one neighbor......N

My child's bedtime is usually the same everyday ....... N

Y

Y

37.	During the past week, how many days was your child with his or her father (or one other adult male such as a family member or friend) for more than 1 hour? This could include doing things like reading, playing, and spending time together. Do not include paid childcare providers.	The next questions are about childcare. By childcare we mean any kind of regular arrangement where someone other than the parents or					
	☐ Every day ☐ 5 to 6 days ☐ 3 to 4 days ☐ 2 days ☐ 1 day	legal guardians takes care of you 3-year-old child. Please include preschool as childcare.					
	□ None	39.	Do you <i>now</i> use childcare regular basis?	for your child on a			
38.	During the past week, when your child was misbehaving, which of the following actions did		□ No —	→ Go to Question 42			
	you or your husband (or partner) do?  Check all that apply.		☐ Yes, for 10 or more hour ☐ Yes, for less than 10 hou				
	□ Use a 'time out' (remove child from the situation) □ Take away privileges (such as toys or TV) □ Spank child with a paddle or other object □ Spank child with your hand □ Distract or redirect child □ Talk to child about their behavior □ Other → Please tell us:	40.	What is your regular childcare arrangement				
			for your child?	Check <u>one</u> answer.			
			☐ Childcare center or presc ☐ In-home care (caregiver ☐ Childcare in home of car ☐ Other → Plo	comes to your home) regiver			
		41.	Is your <i>regular</i> childcare p	provider licensed?			
			□ No □ Yes □ Not sure				
		42.	During the past 30 days, w week or longer when you t childcare for your child?				
			□ No ———————————————————————————————————	Go to Question 44			

3.	6. What were the reasons you could not find		47.	What is your marital status		tatus?	s?	
	childcare for your child at		1			C	Check <u>one</u> answer.	
	☐ I couldn't afford any child ☐ I couldn't afford the quality wanted. ☐ I couldn't find the quality ☐ I couldn't find a childcare slot for my child.	ty of childcare I of childcare I wanted. provider with an open		☐ Divorce ☐ Single,	d with partner, r ed, separated c never married	or widow	red	
	<ul> <li>☐ I couldn't find childcare v my needs.</li> <li>☐ I couldn't find childcare v my needs.</li> </ul>	48.	Are you in school or working outside the home now? If yes, please write the usual number of hour in a week for each activity.					
	☐ I couldn't find childcare t special needs (including ☐ Other	g behavioral concerns).		□ No □ Yes, in		_ hours a	n week (not at home	
			49.	What is the completed		el of edu	cation you have	
	What is your date of birth:  Month  Day			☐ High so ☐ Some c ☐ Vocation	igh school chool graduate	al certific		
5.	Are you pregnant now?  No Yes		50.	Not counting the child this survey is about, do yo have any other children younger than 5 years old Include children younger than 5 who live in your home <i>now</i> .				
6.	How much do you weigh? If you are pregnant now, ple <i>just before</i> you became preg			□ No — □ Yes	<b></b>	Go to Pa	ge 10, Question 52	
	Pounds		51.	If yes, please tell us when they were born.			were born.	
	OR			Child 1:	Month	Day	Year	
	Kilos			Child 2:	Month	Day	Year	
				Child 3:				
					Month	Day	Year	

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52.	During the past 3 months, how often have you felt down, depressed or hopeless?	57.	Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in the past 2 years? (A pack has 20 cigarettes.)			
	□ Always □ Often □ Sometimes □ Rarely □ Never	58.	☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Go to Question 59 ☐ How many cigarettes do you smoke on an average day now? (A pack has 20 cigarettes.)			
53.	During the past 3 months, how often have you had little interest or little pleasure in doing things?  Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never	59.	☐ 41 cigarettes or more ☐ 21 to 40 cigarettes ☐ 11 to 20 cigarettes ☐ 6 to 10 cigarettes ☐ 1 to 5 cigarettes ☐ Less than 1 cigarette ☐ None (0 cigarettes)  Have you had any alcoholic drinks in the past 2			
54.	This question is about things that may have happened to you since your 3-year-old child was born. For each item, circle Y (Yes) if it happened to you or circle N (No) if it did not.		years? (A drink is 1 glass of wine, wine cooler, can or bottle of beer, shot of liquor, or mixed drink.)  Go to Question 62  Yes			
	I moved to a new address		During the past 3 months, how many alcoholic drinks did you have in an average week?  14 drinks or more a week 7 to 13 drinks a week 4 to 6 drinks a week 1 to 3 drinks a week 1 to 3 drinks a week 1 Less than 1 drink a week 1 didn't drink during the past 3 months  During the past 3 months, how many times did you drink 5 alcoholic drinks or more in one sitting?			
55.	During the past 12 months, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke or physically hurt you in any other way?		☐ 6 or more times ☐ 4 to 5 times ☐ 2 to 3 times			
	□ No □ Yes		☐ 1 time ☐ I didn't have 5 drinks or more in 1 sitting ☐ I didn't drink during the past 3 months			
56.	During the past 12 months, did your husband or partner threaten you, limit your activities against your will or make you feel unsafe in any other way?					
	□ No □ Yes					

66. The following is a list of things that describe some

if it describes your situation <i>NOW</i> or circle <b>N</b> (No) if it does not.			No) if		<b>homes.</b> For each item, please circle <b>Y</b> (Yes) if it is true about your home <i>NOW</i> or circle <b>N</b> (No) if not.			
Ιk	now someone who would Loan me money for bills if I needed it	ded to N or's N	Yes Y Y Y Y		There is a working smoke de each level of the home There is a working carbon m monitor or detector in the Poisonous substances and m stored in childproof places Matches and lighters are storchildproof places	nonoxide nome	Yes Y Y Y Y	
	he following question our home.	s are abou	t	67.	Is there any mold or milde a dollar bill on any surface Do not include mildew on ba food items.	inside your home	?	
63.	other income you may have used will be kept private and will not you are now getting.)	he before taxes? Include your band's or partner's income, and any may have used. (All information atte and will not affect any services		68.	□ No □ Yes  Does your home have flush toilets? □ No □ Yes			
☐ Less than \$10,000 ☐ \$10,000 - \$14,999 ☐ \$15,000 - \$19,999 ☐ \$20,000 - \$24,999 ☐ \$25,000 - \$34,999 ☐ \$35,000 - \$49,999 ☐ \$50,000 - \$74,999 ☐ \$75,000 or more					What is the <i>main</i> source of water for drinking at cooking in your home?  Check one answer.  A city or town water system A private well serving the home A community well Collected or hauled water from outdoor natural			
64.	During the past 12 months, how including yourself, depended of				sources (such as rain, so Bottled or store bought w		ater)	
	People			70.	What is today's date?			
65.	Which of the following statem the rules about smoking inside				Month Day	20 Year		
	<ul> <li>□ No one is allowed to smoke a home.</li> <li>□ Smoking is allowed in some times.</li> <li>□ Smoking is allowed anywher</li> </ul>	rooms or at some	е					

62. For each of the following statements, circle Y (Yes)

Please tell us, if you wish, what issues are of greatest concern to you about raising your child. They do not have to be about his or her health.

#### **Questions Commonly Asked About CUBS**

#### What is CUBS?

CUBS (Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey) is a research project sponsored by the Alaska Division of Public Health. Currently, Alaska has no complete source of data about preschool age children. We need your help to get better information on the health-related behaviors of young children and their mothers in Alaska. If your child is no longer living with you, your answers will still help us learn more about ways to improve programs and services for future mothers and children in Alaska.

#### How was I chosen to participate in CUBS?

CUBS is a follow-up to PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System), a survey that asks new mothers about their behaviors and experiences around the time of their pregnancy. All women who returned a PRAMS survey are sent a CUBS survey around the time of their child's third birthday. Three years ago when you received a PRAMS survey, your name was picked by chance, like in a lottery, from the state birth certificate registry. You are one of a small number of women who were chosen to help us in this study.

#### Will my answers be kept private?

Yes—all answers are kept completely private to the extent permitted by law. All answers given on the questionnaires will be grouped together to give us information on Alaskan mothers of young children. In reports from this survey, no woman will be identified by name.

#### Is it really important that I answer these questions?

Yes! Because of the small number of mothers who are getting this survey, it is important to have everyone's answers. Every family is different. To get a better overall picture of the health of mothers and young children in Alaska, we need each mother selected to answer the questions. From the information you give us, we may be able to improve health care for women and children in Alaska. We need to know about things that have gone well in raising your child as well as difficulties you have had. Your help is very important to the success of our program.

### Some of the questions ask about yesterday, but yesterday was not a typical day for my child — can I answer instead what my child usually does?

No—we ask about what happened yesterday for two reasons. First, it is easier to think about what happened yesterday than over a longer time period. Second, some children in Alaska may have done more of a certain activity yesterday than is usual, and other children may have done less. Because we are asking mothers all around the state the same questions, their answers can be averaged to create a "snapshot" of a typical day for an Alaskan 3-year-old.

#### Some of the questions do not seem related to health care—why are they asked?

Many things in the life of a child or mother may affect overall family health and well-being. These questions try to provide a more complete picture of health care of mothers and children and things that are happening to them.

#### What if I want to ask more questions about CUBS?

Please call us at our toll-free number 1-888-269-3470 and we will be happy to answer any other questions that you may have about CUBS.



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