

Handout 23: How Well Do We Support Family Literacy?

Instructions: How would you rate your program in terms of how it supports family literacy (or collaborates with other service providers to offer this support)? Read the statements below and for each statement decide if your program should get from one to five stars.

(1 *=poor; 5*'s=fantastic)

- ***** 1. We provide parents with the opportunity to learn the social significance of literacy and its value to them and their children.
- ***** 2. We provide opportunities for parents to work independently and as a group on their own reading and writing.
- ***** 3. We provide early childhood education to their children which supports their emerging literacy.
- ***** 4. We provide opportunities for parents to use literacy to address family and community problems.
- ***** 5. We provide a nurturing and supportive environment in which parents can address and share their child-rearing concerns.
- ***** 6. We provide multiple opportunities for parents to participate with their young children in activities that foster literacy for both.
- ***** 7. We provide a place for parents to raise school-related issues and develop the ability to understand and respond to them.
- ***** 8. We provide parents with the opportunity to gather information and resources about child development and learning that will assist them in supporting their children's literacy development.

How many *'s did you get? _____

(Total number = 40 *'s)