

Table 2. Family demographics and characteristics.

Characteristics		Low-income intervention group (LI) (n=118)		Non-low-income preschool peer group (PPG) (n=304)		P value
		n	%	n	%	
Marital status	Single	11	9.3	4	1.3	<0.001
	Married	90	76.3	292	96.0	
	Widowed	2	1.7	2	0.7	
	Divorced/separated	15	12.7	6	2.0	
Main caregiver	Mother	99	83.9	130	42.8	<0.001
	Father	11	9.3	18	5.9	
	Helper	0	0.0	5	1.6	
	Grandparents	2	1.7	25	8.2	
	Both parents	1	0.8	92	30.3	
	Others (e.g. aunts)	3	2.6	0	0.0	
	Unstated	2	1.7	34	11.2	
Employment status of caregiver	Full-time	59	50.0	206	67.8	<0.001
	Part-time	25	21.2	29	9.5	
	Not employed	34	28.8	62	20.4	
	Unstated	0	0.0	7	2.3	
Number of smokers	0	39	33.1	201	66.1	<0.001
	1	52	44.1	84	27.6	
	2 or more	25	21.2	18	5.9	
	Unstated	2	1.7	7	2.3	
Education level (mother)	Primary school or below	21	17.8	12	3.9	<0.001
	Completed secondary school	41	34.7	41	13.5	
	Completed ITE/NTE	21	17.8	27	8.9	
	Polytechnic diploma/A-level	19	16.1	55	18.1	
	Completed university	4	3.4	93	30.6	
	Postgraduate degree	0	0.0	53	17.4	
	Others	8	6.8	18	5.9	
Unstated	4	3.4	5	1.6		
Education level (father)	Primary school or below	13	11.0	9	3.0	<0.001
	Completed secondary school	37	31.4	46	15.1	
	Completed ITE/NTE	29	24.6	51	16.8	
	Polytechnic diploma/A-level	9	7.6	68	22.4	
	Completed University	4	3.4	82	27.0	
	Postgraduate degree	0	0.0	37	12.2	
	Others	1	0.8	7	2.3	
Unstated	25	21.2	4	1.3		

Responses under the “others” option for education level includes diplomas or degrees from other countries.