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Informed Consent for Participation in Research Activities

Project FORECAST

Foundations for Outreach Through Experiential Child Advocacy Studies Training
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1. You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Drs. Jerry Dunn and Joel Epstein of the University of Missouri – Saint Louis’ Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater Saint Louis (CASGSL). The purpose of this research is to evaluate the effectiveness of incorporating simulation-based instruction into Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) courses. Our curriculum is designed to help students develop the skills they need for effectively managing real-world scenarios related to child trauma.
2. Recently, a student or MDT member who you supervise participated in a training in which our curriculum was delivered. This individual identified you as a person who would be able to assess his/her competency in dealing with issues of childhood trauma. As such, we are asking you to complete an online survey that is maintained on our University’s secure Qualtrics surveying platform. Your responses to this survey will remain completely confidential.

Research Participation:

After reading this document, we will ask you to consent to participating in our research. Participation in this research will involve completing a survey to rate your student’s or trainee’s knowledge of and ability to provide trauma-informed care. It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete these surveys.

Research Duration:

Although this research project will last through the year 2021, we will ask for you to renew your consent each year.

Once all of our data is collected, we will deidentify it so that all participants’ names and contact information will be removed. We will retain these confidential data for a minimum of two years following the completion of the study during which time we will continue to conduct analyses. For the next subsequent three years, we will retain copies of the data on our secure server. Five years after the completion of the study, we will destroy all data.

Research Participants:

Approximately 200 supervisors from universities and MDTs across the country will be involved in this research.

Research Remuneration:

You will not be offered any compensation for participating in this research.

3. There are certain risks or discomforts associated with this research. You may feel a bit burdened by the time it takes to complete the surveys. Although quite unlikely, it is possible that the confidentiality of your research data will be compromised.
4. There are no direct benefits for you participating in this study.
5. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to participate in this research study or withdraw your consent at any time. You will NOT be penalized in any way should you choose not to participate or withdraw.
6. We will do everything we can to protect your privacy. As part of this effort, your identity will not be revealed in any publication that may result from this study. In rare instances, a researcher's study must undergo an audit or program

evaluation by an oversight agency (such as the Office for Human Research Protection) that would lead to disclosure of your data as well as any other information collected by the researcher.

In order to ensure that we can follow-up with our participants over the duration of the project, our surveys will ask individuals to provide a permanent email address. Furthermore, to facilitate matching of responses in our database we will also ask participants to create a unique identification code that consists of their initials, birth month and date and their parents' first name initials. Your data will be identifiable with your name and email address, though we will keep your data secure and confidential.

7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study, or if any problems arise, you may call or email the Investigator (Joel Epstein, epsteinj@umsl.edu, 314-516-7340). You may also ask questions or state concerns regarding your rights as a research participant to the Office of Research, at 516-5899.

I have read this consent form and have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

By clicking this link, I can download a copy of this consent form for my records.

I do

I do not

Consent to participate in the research described above

Please Enter Name Here

Date (autofilled)