

Parent Consent Form

Child Trends, a nonprofit nonpartisan research organization, has been funded by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) to develop short news videos that feature actionable education and special education research geared toward parents and teachers. The videos aim to provide actionable strategies and recommendations for parents to improve their children's educational outcomes. Now we are conducting focus groups to get input on how parents of children with disabilities respond and interact with the video content. This consent form has information to help you decide if you would like to take part in the study.

PURPOSE

We would like to get parents' feedback and reactions to the content and utility of the news videos. Additionally, we want to understand parents' attitudes, beliefs, and experiences (if any) accessing education research. These discussions will help shape and improve the production of future education news content.

PROCEDURES

If you agree, you will be asked to participate in a 90-minute focus group with 6-8 other parents of children with disabilities via Microsoft Teams. The discussions will only be audio recorded and auto transcribed. You will receive a \$75 Target or Amazon gift card for your participation.

RISK AND/OR DISCOMFORTS

There are minimal risks to participating; however, risks associated with participation could include loss of privacy or confidentiality. To protect your privacy, your name will not be used in any reports we write, and your individual responses will not be shared with anyone outside of the project team. Study reports will describe findings in general terms

and will not include any names or other identifiable information. All recordings and written notes will be kept secure and no one outside of the study team will have access to them.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Your participation in the focus group is completely voluntary. If you agree now, you can change your mind later. Nothing bad will happen because you decide not to participate. Additionally, once we begin the focus group, you may choose to end your participation at any time for any reason.

COSTS AND BENEFITS

There are no costs associated with the study other than the time you spend participating in the focus group. You will not benefit personally from being involved in the study.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any comments or concerns about participating in this study, you can contact Isabel Griffith at 240-223-9302 or by email at igriffith@childtrends.org.