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Information for Parents

Support Needs and Service Pathways Project

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You are invited to participate in a research project. The aim of this project is to discover how we can better support parents who have some difficulties with learning or remembering. The project is supported by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

What does participation involve?

If you agree to participate you will be interviewed by a researcher. The interview will take up to two hours. A researcher will meet with you at your home, or somewhere else if you prefer. The researcher will ask you some questions about your family, your experience as a parent, and the kind of support you would like to receive.

With your permission, we would also like to talk with your support worker about (1) your family and the kinds of services that may be helpful to you; and, (2) what knowledge and resources they may need to better support your family and others in the community.

Potential benefits and risks

By participating in this study you will help us discover how services can be improved for parents who have difficulties with learning or remembering. At the end of the study, we will give you a summary of what we learned from the project. You will also receive a $30.00 gift card as a thank-you for helping us with this project.

Sometimes talking about our lives can be upsetting. If you agree to take part in this study, we hope you will feel comfortable talking with the researcher, but you can decide what information you want to share. If you choose, you can ask your support worker to be present during the interview.

You can also stop the interview at any time. If you would like any support after the interview, you can talk with your support worker. If you would prefer to talk with someone else, you can phone Dr McConnell or Dr Savage, and they will help you find someone you can talk with.

Participation is voluntary and confidential

Any information you share during the interview will be treated as **strictly confidential**. That means that no information about you will be shared with anyone else unless the law says so. For example, if the researcher believes that your child is in danger, they must report this. If the researcher has any concerns they will talk about this with you first.

Only the researchers will have access to your information. All of the information we collect will be stored in a locked filing cabinet for five years, and then it will be destroyed. You will not be identified by name in any report that comes out of this study.

Participation is voluntary. This means that you don't have to take part. If you do participate, you can withdraw at any time. Whatever your decision, it will not affect any services that you are receiving or influence any decision that is made about you or your family.

If you have any questions about this project at this or any other time, please contact either Dr David McConnell, University of Alberta, at (780) 492 7475, or Dr Amber Savage, University of Alberta, at (780) 492 8568,

The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. For questions regarding participant rights and ethical conduct of research, contact the Research Ethics Office at (780) 492-2615.

Would you like to help us with this study, or learn more about it?

If you would like to help us with this study, or learn more about it before you decide, you can phone Dr David McConnell, at (780) 492 7475, or Dr Amber Savage, at (780) 492 8568. You can also give your support worker permission to pass on your contact details to the researchers. The researcher would then contact you to talk more about the study. What would you prefer to do?

☐ I will contact the researchers myself.

☐ I would like my support worker to pass on my contact details to the researchers so that they can contact me to talk more about the study.

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Parent's Signature Date

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Signature of Support Worker Date