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Parent Permission Form

Name of Project: Australian Learning Frameworks (AFLs) Update

Purpose of the study. In this study Australia's two approved learning frameworks-Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the My Time, Our Place: Framework for School Age Care in Australia (MTOPI) will be the focus. The purpose of the study is to make sure these learning frameworks are appropriate for children and families. Children's data will be gathered through drawing, writing or talking circles. Children from different services and ages across Australia will be asked what they like about their service.

You have the option of having your child participate. This letter explains the study to give you information about what will happen in the study if you choose to have your child take part and to help you decide if you want your child to be in the study. Signing the form means you agree for your child to be included in the study. Your child will also be asked whether she/he assents to being part of the research on the day the drawing, writing and talking circles take place.

If I agree to have my child join this study, what would my child need to do?

After receiving your permission form, your child will be told about the research project and asked whether she/he wants to do the activity. If your child says yes (assents), one of your child's educators will ask them some questions. Questions will include "What do you like doing here?" and "Is there something we don't do here that you would like to do?" Children will draw, talk or write their responses to the questions. The research team will provide instructions for the educators in explaining the project and collecting your child's drawing/writing. Your child's drawing (and explanations) will be scanned and sent to the research team through the following secure email alfs@mq.edu.au

How long would my child be in the study?

Your child will participate in one drawing, writing and talking session (depending on their age and development. Your child's participation will take between 5-30 minutes depending on their age, development and interest.

What are the potential harms or risks if my child joins this study?

There is no foreseeable harm or risks of participating in the research study. Your child will be informed about their right to not participate in the activity at any time without giving any reason. They will also be told that the educators will not be upset if they don't want to do the activity.

What are the potential benefits if my child joins this study?

Your child has the opportunity to have a voice in what is updated in the learning framework your educators use when teaching and caring for your child

How would you keep my child's information confidential?

Any information or personal details collected will remain confidential. No individual will be identified in any publication of the results. Only the research team have access to the information in a secure, password protection site. A summary of the results of the data can be made available to you by contacting the project team through alfsupdate@mq.edu.au.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary: you and your child are not obliged to participate and if you do decide to let your child participate, you are free to change your mind at any time and to withdraw any unprocessed data provided without having to give a reason and without consequence.

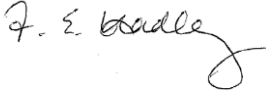
The study is being conducted by a national team of researchers. Please contact Associate Professor Fay Hadley, Macquarie University (02) 9850 9833, fay.hadley@mq.edu.au if you have any questions about the project.

I, _____ (*parent/guardian's name*) have read and understand the information above and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree that my child, _____ (*child's name*) will participate in this research, knowing that I can withdraw her/him from further participation in the research at any time without consequence. I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

Parent/ Guardian's Name: _____
(Block letters)

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Investigator's Name: Associate Professor Fay Hadley
(Block letters)

Investigator's Signature:  Date: 23/08/2021

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics & Integrity (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

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