



WEEKLY UPDATE – JULY 2, 2009

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Below is information regarding an important study for occupational therapists currently working in early intervention. I am asking your assistance in offering the survey to occupational therapists currently working in early intervention in your state. Please forward this email to either your providing agencies or directly to the occupational therapy providers. Please ask the occupational therapy providers to read this informational letter and follow the link at the end to complete the survey (if they choose). I will send you the results as soon as possible following completion of the survey, and thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Study Title: The Effect of Parent-Child Interaction Training on Early Intervention Occupational Therapists

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Purpose of the Research

Calling all occupational therapists! Your help is greatly needed in the field of early intervention. Literature and legislation are calling early intervention therapists to address how parents and their children interact when delivering family-centered services. However, little research is available regarding how therapists are delivering services aimed at the parent-child relationship. The purpose of this survey is to gain insight into what treatment strategies are currently being utilized to impact the parent-child relationship.

Research Procedures

After agreeing to participate in this study, please follow the link provided to complete the survey within two weeks of receiving this email. Please only complete the survey one time. The entire survey should not take more than fifteen minutes to complete.

Potential Risks

No foreseeable physiological or psychological risks or discomfort should be experienced. In order to ensure confidentiality of your responses, the web site that hosts the survey will ensure that all surveys will remain anonymous and will not be linked back to you. Confidentiality will be protected to the extent that is allowed by law.

The researchers will try to prevent any problem that could happen because of this research. You should let the researchers know at once if there is a problem and they will help you. However, TWU does not provide medical services or financial assistance for injuries that might happen because you are taking part in this research.

Participation and Benefits

Thank you for participating in this study. Your time is greatly appreciated, and your responses will contribute to research that is needed in the field of early intervention. If your state participated, your

state's Part C Coordinator will receive an email with the survey group results. The results will also be posted on the American Occupational Therapy Association's "OT Connections" web page for its members to view.

Questions Regarding the Study

Your participation is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. If you have any questions about the research study you may ask the researchers; their phone numbers are at the top of this form. If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this research or the way this study has been conducted, you may contact the Texas Woman's University Office of Research at 713-794-2480 or via email at IRB@twu.edu.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm= 2bZDW82AvcJ5CE6amRs9B2g_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2bZDW82AvcJ5CE6amRs9B2g_3d_3d)

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