

Consent Statement for Exempt Research

Title of Study: The Value of TBI Professional Development for Improving Outcomes for Students with Traumatic Brain Injuries: Analysis of Novice Teachers' Perceptions

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You are invited to participate in a research study under the direction of Dr. Carol Kochhar-Bryant of the Department of Special Education and Disability Studies, within the School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD), at The George Washington University (GWU). Taking part in this research is entirely voluntary. Further information regarding this study may be obtained by contacting Theresa S. Armstrong, doctoral candidate in the Applied Neuroscience and Special Education Program, at either of the following telephone numbers (571)-334-0309 or (202)-994-1226).

The purpose of this study is to examine and articulate the experiences of beginning special education teachers relating to the preparation they have received in the core knowledge and principles of TBI, and the methods and strategies that support children with brain injury.

If you choose to take part in this study, you will:

The total amount of time you will spend in this study will not exceed 4 hours, between July 2016 and November, 2016. If you volunteer to participate in the study, we will ask that you do the following:

1. Participate in one initial 30-minute screening interview, to decide if you meet the criteria for the study.
2. Participate in two semi-structured phone interviews (no more than 60 minutes each).
3. Complete a 30 question Likert scale survey.
4. Review interview transcript for accuracy.

You may refuse to answer any of the questions and you may stop your participation in this study at any time.

The two semi-structured phone interviews will be recorded, and the recordings will be used to generate a written transcript of the interviews. Consent forms and data documents will be stored in a password-protected word processed file to reduce the confidentiality risks to participants.

You will not benefit directly from your participation in the study. The benefits to science and humankind that might result from this study are your experiences as a teacher of students with traumatic brain injury will provide insights on how to better serve students with TBI.

Every effort will be made to keep your information confidential, however, this can not be guaranteed. Individuals will be given a pseudonym and a numerical code, to further preserve their confidentiality, and to keep the interview transcripts and survey anonymous. Only the primary researcher and the Project Investigator will have access to the study materials.

If results of this research study are reported in journals or at scientific meetings, the people who participated in this study will not be named or identified.

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The Office of Human Research of George Washington University, at telephone number (202) 994-2715, can provide further information about your rights as a research participant.

To ensure anonymity your signature is not required, unless you prefer to sign it. Your willingness to participate in this research study is implied if you proceed.

Participant Signature

Date

The research team will provide you with a copy of your signed consent form.

*Please keep a copy of this document in case you want to read it again.

Research Team Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about this study and your participation in it, do not hesitate to contact the research team. Please contact Dr. Carol Kochhar-Bryant at 202-994-1536, or Theresa S. Armstrong at 571-334-0309 or 202-994-1226. For questions regarding your rights as a participant in human research, call the GW Office of Human Research at 202-994-2715.