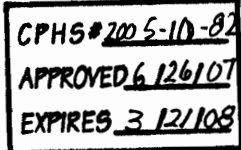




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## **“Partnering for Permanence”: Parent Partner Program Satisfaction Interviews**

### **Consent to Participate in Research**

Our names are Edward Cohen, Ph.D. and Professor Jill Duerr Berrick, Ph.D., with the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. Our research team is interviewing staff members and professionals who have come into contact with Parent Partners and/or their clients in the course of their work with parents involved in the child welfare system.

The purpose of this research is to learn about how the Parent Partner program is perceived in the professional community of social workers, lawyers, judges, and other social service providers. Approximately 25 people will take part in this study.

You have been invited to be interviewed about the Parent Partner Program. The procedures for participation are as follows:

- We will explain the research in more detail to give you time to decide whether or not to participate
- If you agree to participate, you will be asked to sign this form.
- We will set up a time to telephone you for the interview.
- During the interview, the graduate student researcher will ask you questions related to your experience interacting with Parent Partners, your perception of the Parent Partner Program, and the effects the Parent Partner Program has had on your work.
- We will ask you if there is anyone else with whom you think we should speak.
- The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes.
- We would like to audiotape the interview, but we will do so only with your permission.

The study presents minimal risks to you. While there is a small chance that the confidentiality of the information collected could be compromised, we will take care to prevent this from happening. Some questions might be uncomfortable for you to answer. Should this be the case, our interviewers are trained to help you feel at ease. All questions are optional – you do not have to answer any questions you don’t want to.

While there are no direct benefits to you for participating, by helping to evaluate the Parent Partner Program’s effectiveness and usefulness you may improve interventions for future parents in the child welfare system.

The information you give us will be handled as confidentially as possible. We will not disclose your personal information to anyone outside of our University research team. There are two exceptions to this confidentiality: 1) if you tell us information about suspected child abuse we are

required by law to notify the proper authorities, and 2) if you present a risk of danger to yourself or others we may notify the proper authorities to ensure safety.

We may present our research at scientific meetings, but your name and personal information will not be used. All of our written notes and audiotapes will be locked in a secure office at the University and will be accessed only by project researchers. We plan to retain the information from the interviews for possible use in future research projects related to this subject.

If you have given permission for us to record the interview, then we will ask you to review and sign a separate audio records release form after you have completed the interview. You will have the opportunity to decide at that time how we may use the audio recording.

If you have any questions about this research, you may contact Edward Cohen, Ph.D., at 877-263-9012 or [ecohen@berkeley.edu](mailto:ecohen@berkeley.edu).

Should you wish to talk to some one about your concerns or rights as a research subject you may contact the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Ste. 313, Berkeley, CA 94704, phone 510-642-7461, or email [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

Since *participation in this research is voluntary*, you are free to refuse participation or discontinue participation at any time, without penalty or loss of benefits or services to which you are otherwise entitled.

You will be provided with a copy of this consent form to keep.

If you have considered all the information in this form and wish to participate in our research, you may indicate agreement by signing below.

*I have considered the information in the Consent Form, and I agree to participate in this research.*

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Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I give my consent for this interview to be recorded and for the audio records to be used in the research project.*

Yes       No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

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Date