

TDI Parent/Caregiver Consent

Building Community Partnerships to Foster the Wellbeing of Young Children and Families

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Dear Parent/Caregiver:

You are invited to take part in the Toddler Development Instrument (TDI) project. The TDI is a questionnaire for parents/primary caregivers of 12-24 month old children. It was created with input from parents, caregivers, early years professionals, policy makers, and researchers.

The purpose of the TDI is to collect information about the needs and experiences of toddlers and their families. As we learn more about these experiences, we can use this information to strengthen family and community resources. Improved resources, in turn, can better support children, families, and communities.

What is my role in participating?

We are inviting you to take part in this project by completing the TDI questionnaire. The TDI includes questions about a toddler's daily activities - e.g. play, eating habits. It also asks about you as a caregiver and the support your family receives - e.g. access to community resources, caregiver wellbeing.

The questionnaire will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. You do not need to answer any questions that you are not comfortable answering. As this is a new study, we also want to know what you think about the TDI. For this, we are asking you to fill out a feedback form. It will take about 5 minutes to complete. This feedback will help us improve the TDI to make it clear and easy to use.

Completing the TDI is entirely up to you. You can choose not to take part or you can stop at any time. If you decide to stop, your responses will not be included in the study. There will be no penalty to you or any early childhood development services you receive.

What happens to my TDI data?

Any information collected using the TDI will be reported at a group level. That means that we combine your responses with others who live in the same area as you to protect your privacy. HELP researchers also create public maps to show summary results by region. HELP does not share data from areas with fewer than 35 children.

Guided by the HELP Aboriginal Steering Committee, HELP respects the First Nations principles of OCAP® (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) and other community ethics codes. HELP never publicly reports Aboriginal TDI data or uses it for comparison with other data.

How is my privacy protected?

HELP is responsible for keeping TDI data safe. All TDI data are kept in a secure research environment at UBC. Personal information that could identify you or your child (child's date of birth, sex, postal code, and PHN) will be protected and stored separately from the rest of your answers to the TDI questions. This is so that the answers you gave to the TDI questions are no longer connected to you or your child. This personal information will only be used for approved research projects including possible future data linkage, under Federal, Provincial/Territorial privacy laws. For concerns related to the privacy of your child's TDI data, please contact HELP's Privacy Officer at privacy@help.ubc.ca.

How will your community benefit?


Information from the TDI can help us understand the experiences of toddlers and their families at a community level. This information may help inform early years programs and policies to make them more supportive.

Reimbursement: We appreciate your time and participation in this study. To thank you, you will have an opportunity at the end of the survey to enter a draw for a \$50 grocery gift card.

Where can I find more information on this study?

If you have any questions about this project, you may contact Kira Koepke, TDI Research Project Coordinator (604-822-8765 or tdi@help.ubc.ca) or myself (604-827-5784 or martin.guhn@ubc.ca). If you have any concerns about your rights as a research participant or your experiences while taking part in this study, contact the Research Participant Complaint Line in the UBC Office of Research Ethics. You can reach the Office at 604-822-8598 or if long distance, email RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.

Sincerely,



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