

Research Information Sheet

Title of Study: Responding to the Need: Listening to Interdisciplinary Service Providers Discuss Strategies and Needs for Supporting Refugee Families whose Children Require Intensive Support

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Introduction

You are invited to take part in this research study because you have experience working with families who are refugees and have children with intensive support needs. This study is being conducted by Dr. Colby Kervick and Dr. Shana Haines from the University of Vermont.

Purpose

The purpose of the study is to understand the collaboration that occurs between school personnel, families, and community agencies by gathering the perspectives of special educators, medical professionals, related service providers, social service providers, multicultural liaisons, and English Learner teachers. Specifically, we want to learn about the needs of families who are refugees and have children with intensive support needs, how professionals foster collaboration between families and other agencies involved with the students, and how service-providers can better “wrap around” these families as their children progress through the K-12 school system.

Study Procedures

If you take part in the study, you will be invited to attend one or two 90-120 minute focus group sessions: The first session will focus on the needs and collaboration between families and agencies for students with intensive support needs from refugee families; the second session will focus on identifying a community-based action research project that would address the needs identified from the first session. The first focus group session participants will be divided into two groups, one that is representative of

school personnel and the other that is representative of medical personnel or related service providers. Participants will select which group best fits their professional context.

These focus groups session will be audio-recorded and professionally transcribed. You may decline to answer any questions, and doing so will not impact your ability to participate in this study.

The study will be conducted over a two month period. Each participant is invited to participate in two separate focus group sessions, each lasting approximately 90-120 minutes.

Benefits

As a participant in this research study, there may not be a direct benefit for you; however the information from this study may inform practice or generate new ideas about how to best serve families who are refugees who have children with intensive support needs. The study may benefit other people now or in the future as it will be the basis for ongoing research and potentially systemic change.

Risks

The only risk to this study is an accidental breach of confidentiality. We will take all possible precautions to protect the information we collect from you during this study.

Costs

There will be no costs to you for participation in this research study.

Compensation

For taking part in this research study, you will be compensated for your time in the form of a \$25.00 gift card for the first focus group participation. Dinner will be provided at the follow-up focus group.

Confidentiality

All information collected about you during the course of this study will be stored with a code name or number so that we are able to match you to your answers. Participant information and your responses to the focus group questions will be transcribed and then stored on a password protected and

encrypted computer. Once transcribed, the audio files will be deleted. The only people who will have access to the master list and the data associated with the study will be the key personnel who have been approved through the IRB approval process. Transcripts and audio recordings will be kept until the study is completed, and then all data will be destroyed.

You may be requested to provide your name and address. This information will be disclosed one time to the University of Vermont's Procurement Services Department for the purposes of reimbursing you for participation in this study and will not be tied to the data.

Focus Group Statement

In the focus groups, the questions will be directed toward the group and not to individuals. You have the right not to answer a question or withdraw from the study at any time in the process. We will ask that everyone in the group not repeat what they have heard others say, but there is always the chance that someone will repeat what you have said. Everything you say will be kept confidential by the researchers.

Voluntary Participation/Withdrawal

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You are free to not answer any questions or withdraw at any time. You may choose not to take part in this study, or, if you decide to take part, you can decide to change your mind later and withdraw from the study. If you decide to withdraw from the study, any data collected from you will be destroyed.

Questions

If you have questions about this study now or in the future, you may contact, Dr. Colby Kervick at the following phone number (802) 656-1427 or Dr. Shana Haines at (802) 656-2194. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact the Director of the Research Protections Office at (802) 656-5040.

Participation

Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to participate without penalty or discrimination at any time. You decide to stop your involvement in this study at any time, and, if you desire, we will remove any data you have provided.

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