



Families Uniting Through Literature

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Factors Related to Family Literacy

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

PURPOSE OF STUDY: You are being asked to take part in a research study to determine family literacy and communication practices. The goal of the research project is to determine the relationship (if any) between certain background information and literacy. You will take several inventories about your attitudes toward reading, parenting practices, and literacy.

METHODS AND PROCEDURES: You will be asked several questions about personal and background information - age, race, education level, and reading practices. After completing these questions, you will be given a brief parenting practices and emotional literacy survey. You will then participate in discussions about books that will be given to your family from the First Book CAB of Jackson State University. Afterwards, we will provide surveys to see if your attitudes have changed as a result of our program.

You may ask questions at any time during the study and you are free to contact Dr. B. L. Buddy Fish at 601.979.3410 or Tishawn Thames, MS. Ed at 601.259.4701 should you have any questions that should arise about the research project.

RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS: We expect no risks or discomforts for people in this study. However, it is possible that they may feel somewhat uneasy answering the questions involved.

BENEFITS: The information obtained in this study will provide the researchers with information on improving family literacy. You will also gain insights into reading aloud and interpreting stories with your family. Your children will each receive a number of books to add to their home library.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS: All information obtained during this study is private. That is, we

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protect the privacy of people by withholding their names and other personal information from all persons not connected to this study. Each family will be identified using a code number rather their name. Raw data will be kept in locked file cabinet. Although the information in this study is private, it may be revealed in certain rare circumstances.

The material will be kept in a locked room for a period of three years and only research personnel involved in the study will review the information.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. Participants may withdraw at any time without penalty or prejudice.

PARTICIPANTS CONSENT: I have had the purposes and procedures of this study explained to me and have had the opportunity to ask questions. My signature shows my willingness to take part in the study under the conditions stated.

This study has been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board of Jackson State University, which ensures that research projects involving human subjects follow federal regulations. Any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant should be directed to Dr. Felix Okojie, Vice President for Research Development Support and Federal Relations, Jackson State University, P. O. Box 17095, Jackson, Mississippi, 39217, or (601) 979-2931.

Participant Signature

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Investigator Signature

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