

**Georgia State University
Department of Psychology
Informed Consent**

Title: Saturday School Family Study
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I. Purpose:

You are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of the study is to study how different parent and child factors relate to parenting and behaviors of children. You are invited to participate because you are a parent or caregiver of a child enrolled in the Saturday School. A total of 650 families will participate in this study. The study has four phases. After phase 1 is completed, phase 2 will be 6 months later, phase 3 in 12 months, and phase 4 in 24 months. Participation in phase 1 will take approximately 2 hours of your time. Phases 2 through 4 will require approximately 1.5 hour of your time. You must complete a previous phase to be eligible for the next phase (e.g., You must complete phase 1 to be eligible for phase 2). Agreeing to participate in all phases today does not mean that you must participate in all phases. You can decline to participate at any time.

II. Procedures:

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a series of surveys. We will ask you about your gender, age, education, and about your family. Some of the surveys will ask you about your personality, attitudes, and opinions. Your approach to parenting and your child's well-being will also be asked about.

Additionally, you will be asked to complete a computer task. During this task, you will play some thinking games on the computer. This task will test your ability to control your responses. For example, we will ask you to press keys on a keyboard and remember letters or numbers. This research will be done in classrooms at Georgia State University. Each family who participates in the study will receive a 5% tuition reduction toward one Saturday School session for each phase of the study completed.

III. Risks:

Because the surveys ask you about your personality, functioning, interaction with your family, and your approach to parenting though, there is a possibility that you may feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. Please note that you are free to skip any questions that you would prefer not to answer. We will provide you with referrals for local mental services. You are encouraged to contact one of the referrals if you respond to any questions about being sad, down, or depressed. Also, there is a risk of violation of confidentiality. We will keep your participation in this research study confidential to the extent allowed by law. As described below in the Confidentiality section, we will do everything in our power to ensure your privacy.

IV. Benefits:

Participation in this study may not benefit you personally. Overall, we hope to gain information about how parental and child factors predict parenting and behaviors of children. Psychological science may gain a better understanding of how to help children's well-being. We hope that this will help children and their families in the future.

V. Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal:



Participation in research is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study. If you decide to be in the study and change your mind, you have the right to drop out at any time. You may skip questions or stop participating at any time.

VI. Confidentiality:

We will keep your records private to the extent allowed by law. Drs. Latzman and Kesner and their research team will have access to the information you provide. Information may also be shared with those who make sure the study is done correctly (GSU Institutional Review Board, the Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP)). To help protect your confidentiality, we will not write your name anywhere on the questionnaires. You will be assigned a study identification number, which will be used to identify your study data instead of your name. The list linking your name and your study identification number will be stored electronically on a firewall- and password-protected computer hard drive in locked offices. This list will be destroyed at the end of the study. Also, all paper surveys will be stored in a secure area in locked file cabinets in locked offices. Information stored in computer files will be stored in password-protected files on firewall-and password protected computers. Your name and other information that might point to you will not appear when we present this study or publish its results. The findings will be summarized and reported in group form. You will not be identified personally.

VII. Contact Persons:

Contact Dr. Robert Latzman at 404-413-6304 (rlatzman@gsu.edu) or Dr. John Kesner at 404-413-8245 (jkesner@gsu.edu) if you have questions, concerns, or complaints about this study. You can also call if you think that you have been harmed by the study. Call Susan Vogtner in the Georgia State University Office of Research Integrity at 404-413-3513 or svogtner1@gsu.edu if you want to talk to someone who is not part of the study team. You can talk about questions, concerns, or suggestions about the study. You can also call Susan Vogtner if you have questions or concerns about your rights in this study.

VIII. Willingness to Participate in Future Studies:

Based on findings from this study, it is possible that we will start new studies on parents and children after this study is completed. Please indicate below if you are willing to be contacted in future research beyond the proposed study. Agreeing to be contacted in the future does not mean that you must participate in future studies. If you are contacted in the future about participating, you can decline to participate at that time if you wish.

IX. Copy of Consent Form to Subject:

We will give you a copy of this consent form to keep.
If you are willing to volunteer for this research, please sign below.

Participant Name (Printed)

Participant Signature Date

Principal Investigator or
Researcher Obtaining Consent

Date

