

## Consent Form

**Project Title:** Online Self-Regulation in Early Childhood Study

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**Purpose:** The purpose of the study is to examine the development of children's capacity to control their behavior, attention, and emotions across early childhood.

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to take part in this study if you are over the age of 18 and are the parent or primary caregiver to a child who was born in 2016, 2017, or 2018. You must be located in the United States or United Kingdom and read and write in English. Additionally, you need to have a subjective socioeconomic status rated at 5 out of 10 or below.

**Study Procedures:** Participation in this study involves completing an online survey. It should take approximately 60-75 minutes to complete the survey.

**Types of Data Collected:** We will collect data about your thoughts and feelings, your history of stressors (including any past experiences of abuse and trauma), and demographic information, including your racial or ethnic origin. We will also collect data about your child including your report of his or her behavior and functioning, his or her personality, his or her self-control abilities, and demographic information including his or her racial or ethnic origin.

**Risks:** Some of the survey questions are personal and may make you feel uncomfortable. You do not have to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable or that you do not want to answer. You may discontinue your participation at any time. However, in order to receive compensation, you need to complete at least 90% of the study.

**Benefits:** You will not directly benefit from participating in this research. Benefits to society include greater understanding of the factors that contribute to the development of self-control. The study has the potential to inform interventions designed to promote self-control in young children.

**Confidentiality:** We plan to publish the results of this study. We will not publish any information that can identify you or your child. We will keep your information confidential by using your Prolific ID in the data set instead of your name. Your information will be stored in a password-protected computer file. We will store your information for at least five years after the project ends, but we may store your information indefinitely so that we can use your information for future studies.

The principal investigator and the research team will have access to the information you provide for research purposes only. We may share your information with other researchers outside of Eastern Michigan University. If we share your information, we will remove any and all identifiable information so that you cannot reasonably be identified. De-identified information will be transferred by email.

The results of this research may be published or used for teaching. Identifiable information will not be used for these purposes.

**Compensation:** Eligible participants will be compensated with \$15 for completing the survey through the online survey software Prolific Academic. At least 90% of survey questions need to be completed in order to be eligible for compensation.

**Contact information:** If you have any questions about the research, you can contact the Principal Investigator, Jamie Lawler, at [jlawler1@emich.edu](mailto:jlawler1@emich.edu) or by phone at 734-487-0123.

For questions about your rights as a research subject, contact the Eastern Michigan University Human Subjects Review Committee at [human.subjects@emich.edu](mailto:human.subjects@emich.edu) or by phone at 734-487-3090.

### **Voluntary participation**

Participation in this research study is your choice. You may refuse to participate at any time, even after completing this form, with no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may choose to leave the study at any time with no loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you leave the study, the information you provided will be kept confidential. You may request, in writing, that your identifiable information be destroyed. However, we cannot destroy any information that has already been published.

### **Statement of Consent**

I have read and understand this form. I click “continue” below to indicate my consent to participate in this research study.

Approved by the Eastern Michigan University Human Subjects Review Committee UHSRC Protocol Number: UHSRC-FY19-20-330 Study Approval Date: 05/27/2021
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