

Consent to Participate in Research-Teacher Interview**Study Title:** Teaching Preschoolers in Different Classroom Environments**IRBNet #:** 1744625-1**Principal Investigator:** Michael Gibson-Light, PhD

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Study Site: Preschools in Denver, CO**Sponsor/Funding source:** Russell Sage Foundation

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Your participation in this research study is voluntary and you do not have to participate. The purpose of this form is to provide you information that may affect your decision as to whether or not you may want to participate in this research study. The person performing the research will describe the study to you and answer all of your questions. Please read the information below and ask any questions you might have before deciding whether or not to give your permission to take part. You are being asked to participate because you are a teacher of 4-year-old children in Denver.

Purpose

If you participate in this research study, you will be asked to do a semi-structured interview through a Zoom video call. You will also be invited to send a close-cropped photograph of posters that show your classroom routine.

The purpose of this research is to understand how preschool teachers experience their classroom as a work environment, experience stress during the COVID-19 pandemic, and organize routines for children. We will also ask about your perception of your students' and families' backgrounds. We will ask you to share your gender, ethnicity, and income in a short questionnaire. The semi-structured interview will take 60-90 minutes. If you choose to send a photograph of your classroom routine poster, that will take about 10 minutes. You may refuse to answer any question in the study.

Risks or Discomforts

Potential risks of participation may include a risk to your privacy if other people intrude on the space you choose for the video interview. It is also possible that you will feel emotional distress while talking about challenging aspects of your work as a preschool teacher. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your employment. We will not tell your employer whether you chose to participate or not.

Benefits

There are no benefits that you will receive from this study. This research will help us understand the stressors and challenges of preschool teachers; how preschool teachers manage children's play; and how the pandemic may have affected both of these things. This is helpful for understanding teachers' experiences as workers, young children's development, and the likely long-lasting impact of the pandemic on educational inequalities.

Source of Funding

The study is receiving financial support from the Russell Sage Foundation.

Confidentiality of Information

The data will be stored anonymously. We will use a pseudonym for you and your place of employment in the transcript file and in the file name for any routine posters that you share.

Limits to confidentiality

All of the information you provide will be confidential. However, if we learn that you intend to harm yourself or others, including, but not limited to child or elder abuse/neglect, suicide ideation, or threats against others, we must report that to the authorities as required by law.

Before you begin, please note that the data you provide may be collected and used by Qualtrics as per its privacy agreement. This research is only for U.S. residents over the age of 18. Please be mindful to respond in private and through a secured Internet connection for your privacy. Your confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by Qualtrics.

With your permission, I will make a video recording of the interview. This recording will be used to produce a transcript. During the interview, you may tell me if you would like something you said to be excluded from the transcript. Once the transcript has been created, we will delete the video recording. We will not use the video recording in any presentations or publications. Your name will not be used in any report. Identifiable research data will be encrypted and password protected. Identifiable information about you will not be used or shared for future research studies.

The information that you provide in the study will be handled confidentially. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released or shared as required by law. Representatives from the University of Denver may also review the research records for monitoring purposes.

Data Sharing

De-identified data from this study may be shared with the research community at large to advance social science. We will remove any personal information (e.g., your name) that could

identify you before files are shared with other researchers to ensure that, by current scientific standards and known methods, no one will be able to identify you from the information we share. Despite these measures, we cannot guarantee anonymity of your personal data.

Incentives to participate

You will be given a \$50 digital Target gift card after completing the study. This will be sent to an email address you provide.

Consent to video recording solely for purposes of this research

This study involves video recording. If you do not agree to be recorded, you cannot take part in the study.

Questions

For questions, concerns, or complaints about the study you may contact Michael Gibson-Light, PhD at michael.gibson-light@du.edu or Casey Stockstill, PhD, at casey.stockstill@du.edu.

If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the University of Denver (DU) Institutional Review Board to speak to someone independent of the research team at 303-871-2121 or email at IRBAdmin@du.edu.

Please take all the time you need to read through this document and decide whether you would like to participate in this research study.

If you decide to participate, your completion of the research procedures indicates your consent. Please keep this form for your records.