

# Research Consent

- Project Title:** *Preschool Promise*
- Investigator(s):** *Richard Stock and Mary Fuhs*
- Description of Study:** The Preschool Promise Program wants to work for continuous improvement in the quality of preschool provided to Montgomery County children. Richard Stock and Mary Fuhs from the University of Dayton will evaluate what is working and what is not working to improve children’s readiness for elementary school. In that research, we will link data on children’s preschool assessments and experiences to their elementary school assessments and attendance. We believe that this research is vital to help all of us work on making preschool the best it can be for children. If you decide to have your child participate, we will play a self-regulation game with your child in the fall and spring of their preschool year, and other educational data will be collected from schools during preschool as well as additional assessments collected during the K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade years. These data include academic assessments (e.g., state and local school readiness and achievement assessments, teacher behavioral assessments, kindergarten experience survey, student attendance) and demographic data.
- Adverse Effects and Risks:** We do not expect any negative effects from participating in our self-regulation game. We also think that children will enjoy this. However, if your child feels any worry or concern while doing the task, he or she can stop doing the study at any time without penalty.
- Duration of Study:** The self-regulation game will take approximately 5 – 7 minutes for your child to complete, and games will be played in the classroom or other quiet space in the school/center. The other data that are collected by schools will be part of the regular class practice.
- Confidentiality of Data:** Your name will be kept separate from the data. Both your name and hard copies of the self-regulation data will be kept in a locked filing cabinet. Only the investigators named above will have access to the locked filing cabinet. The data collected by schools that will be passed on to us is maintained confidentially by the schools, and data will be passed onto us without any identifying information, but rather only using a unique number that identifies each child in the school system. Your name will not be revealed in any document resulting from this study.
- Contact Person:** Participants may contact *Richard Stock, 937-229-2453, rstock1@udayton.edu* or *Mary Fuhs, 937-229-2775, mfuhs1@udayton.edu*. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant you may also contact the chair of the Research Review and Ethics Committee, Lee Dixon, PhD in SJ 310, (937) 229-2160, lee.dixon@udayton.edu.
- Consent to Participate:** I have voluntarily decided to participate in this study. The investigator named above has adequately answered any and all questions I have about this study, the procedures involved, and my participation. I understand that the experimenter will be available to answer any questions about research procedures throughout this study. I also understand that I may voluntarily terminate my participation in this study at any time without any penalty. I also understand that the investigator named above may terminate my participation in this study if s/he feels this to be in my best interest, though leaving the study will in no way jeopardize our participation in Preschool Promise programs. In addition, I certify that I am 18 (eighteen) years of age or older.

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Signature of Parent	Parent’s Name (printed)	Date
Child Name	Child Date of Birth	Child Gender