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ORAL OR INTERNET BASED INFORMED CONSENT SCRIPT

Title of Research Study: D/deaf and hard of hearing Professionals in Early Involvement Programs

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Family Centered Early Intervention (FCEI) Conference participants Elaine Gale (Hunter College), Michele Berke (California School for the Deaf), Stephanie Olson and Karen Putz (Hands & Voices) will be collaborating on a project titled D/deaf and hard of hearing Professionals in Early Involvement Programs. The project will be surveying partnership of D/deaf and hard of hearing professionals in early involvement programs around the world as well as identifying best practices for partnering with D/deaf and hard of hearing professionals. The results of the study may help identify and put in place best practices for partnering with D/deaf and hard of hearing professionals.

You are being asked to participate in this research study because you work in a early involvement organization serving families with children who are D/deaf or hard of hearing. The purpose of this research study is to investigate partnership of D/deaf and hard of hearing professionals in early involvement programs around the world as well as identify best practices for partnering with D/deaf and hard if hearing professionals. If you agree to participate, we will ask you to complete an online survey, which includes questions regarding Newborn Screening and services, questions regarding D/deaf and hard of hearing professionals, and questions regarding your background. The survey should take no longer than 25 minutes to complete. There are no known or anticipated risks associated with this study. The data obtained from you will be collected via online survey. We will make every effort to ensure that no one knows what your responses were on the survey. The collected data will be accessible to Elaine Gale, Michele Berke, Stephanie Olson, and Karen Putz. The researchers will protect your confidentiality by coding the data and securely storing the data using a password protected file. The collected data will be stored for a minimum of 3 years on a computer using encrypted files. Your participation in this research is voluntary. If you have any questions, you can contact Elaine Gale at egale@hunter.cuny.edu. If you have any questions about your rights as a research

participant or if you would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, you can contact CUNY Research Compliance Administrator at 646-664-8918.

If you are willing to participate, please print this document for your files and continue on to the next step of the study by clicking on the following link:

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