

Explanatory Statement

Project ID: 31649

Project title: AllPlay Learn: Evaluation of Professional Learning

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Thank you for your interest in AllPlay Learn. We are seeking your permission to use your data for research purposes. Before you decide, it is important that you understand what is involved. Please take the time to read this statement carefully. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone number or email address listed above.

What does the research involve?

While you complete this professional learning (PL), we will collect some data from you on a de-identified basis. This means that there will not be any identifying information in the final data set used for research purposes.

Participants will complete short (approx. 5-10 minutes) evaluation and reflection questions before and after the PL. These questions will assess your knowledge of the content, and provide opportunities to reflect on your teaching practice with children/students with disability. The purpose is to provide the research team with feedback and information which may assist to improve the PL for future learners and increase our understanding on how the PL is being used. We will include your responses in research activities, including reports and publications. The results will not identify you in any way.

What are my alternatives to using my data for research purposes?

Participation in any research project is voluntary. You do not have to take part if you do not want to. If you do not wish for your data to be used for research activities including reports or publications; or decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw your data from research activities. Please email us at: allplay-learn@monash.edu. This will not affect your relationship with the researchers or Monash University.

What are the possible risks and benefits?

We do not expect any risks, side-effects or discomforts for you. We do not expect you to benefit directly from contributing your data to research activities. However, your participation may help us improve the PL for future learners.

Results

Results will be published in academic journals and they may be presented as reports or at a conference. Overall findings may be included in an annual report to the Victorian Department of Education. No participants will be identifiable.

How will my information be kept confidential?

All the information you give us will stay private. We can only disclose the information with your permission, except as required by law. We will only use your information for this research project. The only people who can access your information are the research team.

You have the right to access, and ask for correction of, your information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic). The information will be re-identifiable. This means we will remove your name and email address from the research data, and participant numbers will be assigned instead. If necessary, only the research team can match your name to the project number. We will keep all information in a password-protected computer database at Monash University. Any hard copies detailing your name or contact details will be maintained in a locked file. We will keep your information for a minimum of 5 years, after which digital data will be deleted from all network drives, and hard-copies will be shredded securely on-campus.

Funding from the Victorian Department of Education (DET) supports this research. DET will not have any role in this research including the collection, analysis, interpretation of or access to data.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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