

## **Participant Information Sheet**

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### **General Information**

Our research group, led by Professor Alan Stein from the University of Oxford, (Department of Psychiatry) in partnership with the Alberta Family Wellness Initiative, are working on an Oxford and surrounding area project to engage policy-makers, practitioners and the public with *The Brain Story* ([www.oxfordbrainstory.org](http://www.oxfordbrainstory.org)).

*The Brain Story* is a narrative framework that shares key scientific knowledge about early brain development through tools, resources and a certification course, with the aim of building resilience in families and communities.

Our team is developing a programme to explore and evaluate different ways of implementing *The Brain Story* to maximise its reach and impact. We appreciate your interest in participating in this online survey. You have been invited to participate as you are a professional working with, or planning to work with, either expectant mothers, children, young people, parents and/or families.

Please read through this information before agreeing to participate (if you would like to) by ticking the 'yes' box below.

You will be asked to complete a series of questions. Your answers will be used to establish your current knowledge and understanding about early brain development. At the start of the questionnaire you will be asked to create a pseudonym so that we can match data whilst ensuring anonymity.

At the end of the questionnaire you will be provided with the opportunity to express an interest in taking part in the interview phase of the study by clicking on another link to take you to another survey to leave your email address. This will not be linked to the pseudonym you have provided for your survey; this data will remain anonymous. By providing your email details the researchers may contact you and invite you to take part in an interview and potentially a follow up interview 6 months later.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Please note that your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any point during the survey for any reason, before submitting your answers, by pressing the 'Withdraw now' button or closing the browser. Once you have completed the survey you will not be able to withdraw your answers but they will remain anonymous.

### **How will your data be used?**

Your answers will be completely anonymous and we will use all reasonable endeavours to keep them confidential.

Your data will be stored in a password-protected file and may be used in academic publications. Your IP address will not be stored. Research data will be stored for a minimum of three years after publication or public release.

### **Who will have access to your data?**

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data (contact details if you provide them) and which will not be shared with anyone outside the research team and will be deleted at the end of this study. The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest. Further information

about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights>.

Only members of the research team at the University of Oxford will have complete access to the information you provide in this research. Responsible members of the University of Oxford and funders may be given access to data for monitoring and/or audit of the study to ensure we are complying with guidelines, or as otherwise required by law.

The principal researcher of this study is Professor Alan Stein, who is attached to the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford. This project has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, a subcommittee of the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee R76880/RE001.

**What if there is a problem?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, please contact Dr Katy Smart, [katy.smart@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:katy.smart@psych.ox.ac.uk), who will do their best to answer your query. Katy should acknowledge your concern within ten working days and give you an indication of how they intend to deal with it. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of the Medical Sciences Interdivisional Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford: Email: [ethics@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@medsci.ox.ac.uk); Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD. The Chair will seek to resolve the matter in a reasonably expeditious manner.