

## Research Participant Information and Consent Form

**Study Title:** Using the Theory of Change framework to map active ingredients and mechanisms of change underlying an early parent-implemented intervention for autism spectrum disorder

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### PURPOSE OF RESEARCH

The purpose of the study is to understand how individual components of Project ImPACT cause change in children's social communication skills. We are seeking to better understand how Project ImPACT works, in order to support future research to improve how well Project ImPACT works. About 60 people will participate in this study. You are eligible if you are over 18 years old and a member of one of the following three groups:

- A certified Project ImPACT trainer-consultant
- A certified Project ImPACT provider who has used Project ImPACT with at least one family in the last year
- A parent or caregiver who has participated in Project ImPACT within the last year

### WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DO

You will participate in a 1-hour interview using secure teleconferencing technology (HIPAA-compliant Zoom).

### POTENTIAL BENEFITS

You will not directly benefit from your participation in this study. However, your participation in this study may contribute to the understanding of how Project ImPACT works, which would help make it more effective for more families.

### POTENTIAL RISKS

The most likely risks of participating in this study are minor discomfort if answering any of the questions is difficult. You are free to skip any question you prefer not to answer.

### PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

This conversation will be recorded so that it can be transcribed. Information that identifies you will be removed from the transcripts, and then the recordings will be deleted. The transcripts, which are not

linked to you, could be used for future research studies, or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without additional informed consent from you.

All the information I receive from you by phone, including your name, will be strictly confidential. I will not identify you in any presentation or written reports about this study. Direct quotes would not be linked to you individually. Data from this study will be stored for 3 years. Our research team and the Michigan State University Human Research Protections Program will have access to this information.

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means that the researchers cannot release or use information, documents, or samples that may identify you in any action or suit unless you say it is okay. The Certificate DOES NOT stop reporting that is required by law, such as reporting of child or elder abuse and threats to harm yourself or others. The Certificate also DOES NOT prevent your information from being used for other research if allowed by federal regulations. You are welcome to discuss your own involvement in the research with others, and you are also welcome to access to your own information.

#### **YOUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE, SAY NO, OR WITHDRAW**

You have the right to say no to participate in the research. You can stop at any time after it has already started. There will be no consequences if you stop and you will not be criticized. You will not lose any benefits that you normally receive.

#### **COSTS AND COMPENSATION FOR BEING IN THE STUDY**

You will be compensated with a \$30 gift card for completing this study.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

As developer of the Project ImPACT program, Brooke Ingersoll receives royalties from the sales of the manuals and funds related to training others in the program. All of these funds are donated to her research program.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury, please contact the researcher.

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If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail [irb@msu.edu](mailto:irb@msu.edu) or regular mail at 4000 Collins Rd, Suite 136, Lansing, MI 48910.

***The contents of this form will be reviewed with you by phone. By beginning the interview, you indicate your voluntary agreement to participant in this study.***