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INFORMATION LETTER
for a Research Study entitled
“Counselors in Training Perceived Knowledge and Readiness in Child Maltreatment”

You are invited to participate in a research study that will examine CITs perceived knowledge and readiness in treating children with potential trauma to specifically include aspects of child maltreatment (abuse, neglect, witness to crime, exploitation, trafficking), through use of a descriptive quantitative study via an online Qualtrics survey. The study is being conducted by Tori Massey Young, MS, LPC, NCC, under the direction of Dr. Jinhee Park, Associate Professor in the Auburn University Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling. You are invited to participate because you are a Clinical Menal Health or School Counseling Master’s student (or recent graduate), in a CACREP accredited program, enrolled in (or completed) practicum or internship of your program, and are age 19 or older. This study seeks to recruit a total of 100 participants.

What will be involved if you participate? Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to complete a one-time, online survey via Qualtrics. This survey will include brief demographic questions followed by items to collect insight on perception of knowledge, importance, confidence, and readiness to implement trauma informed practices with child maltreatment populations. Estimated survey completion time is between 10-15 minutes.

Are there any risks or discomforts? The risks associated with participating in this study are no more than minimal risk of harm and involve no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context. To minimize these risks, we will ensure your survey responses remain anonymous. For compensation, participants have the option to provide their email addresses via a separate link provided at the end of the Qualtrics survey. To protect participant privacy, their email addresses will be deleted immediately after their incentive has been sent electronically.

Are there any benefits to yourself or others? There are no direct benefits from participation in this study. If you participate in this study, you can expect that your response will contribute important insight to CACREP programs regarding strengths and needs in preparing future counselors to serve this specific population. The outcomes have potential future implications in coursework, training, and experiential learning.

Will you receive compensation for participating? To thank you for your time the 100 participants who completed the survey will be awarded a \$10 e-gift card. The research survey will be closed once a total of 100 participants complete the research survey.

Additional or Incurred Costs. You will not incur any costs for study participation.

If you change your mind about participating, you can withdraw at any time by closing your browser window. Once you've submitted anonymous data, it cannot be withdrawn since it will be unidentifiable. Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling.

Any data obtained in connection with this study will remain anonymous. We will protect your privacy and the data you provide by utilizing Qualtrics system requesting no identifying information. Information collected through your participation may be utilized as follows: manuscript submission to professional journals and conference proposal via poster and/or presentation.

If you have questions about this study, please contact Tori Massey Young, MS, LPC, NCC at tdy0003@auburn.edu or Dr. Jinhee Park at jzp0095@auburn.edu.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Auburn University Office of Research Compliance or the Institutional Review Board by phone (334) 844-5966 or e-mail at IRBadmin@auburn.edu or IRBChair@auburn.edu.

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

YOU MAY PRINT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO KEEP.


Investigator _____ Date 7/17/2024


Co-Investigator _____ Date _____

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