



Subject: Needs Assessment Study

Dear Participant,

We are conducting a needs assessment study to learn about nutrition practices needs and challenges in your childcare/preschool programs. This study is conducted in two phases.

Phase I includes completing a survey which should take about 25-30 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary and all responses will be kept confidential. The ID number on the survey is used to represent which center participates in the survey, however, your center's name and contact information will not be connected with the data used by the researcher. The information you provide in the survey will be used to create new training and resources for nutrition, mealtime and parent engagement.

In phase II, childcare administrators/providers who will complete the survey will have the option to be interviewed. We will assign an ID number to the interview. **If you are interested to participate in the interviews, you can contact me either through phone: (559) 684-3318 or email: dsr@ucanr.edu**

There are no known risks to participating in this study, and you can refuse to answer any questions. You may withdraw at any time without affecting your relationship with the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Findings will be reported in scientific meetings and published in scientific journals or similar venues but we will only present group statistics from the survey and general themes and patterns from the interviews. All information that we gather from this study will be kept confidential. We are happy to answer any questions you have about this study.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may also contact the University of California Davis Institutional Review Board at (916) 703-9151. You may also contact the investigator at (559) 684-3318. We truly appreciate your help in this study.

Please return the completed survey using the postage-paid return envelope included in your packet.

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