Storytimes for School Readiness
Learning module evaluation: Enhancing Public Library Storytimes to promote School Readiness

As part of the learning module, you will be responding to self-reflection and knowledge questions embedded throughout the module. You will have the option to consent to allow researchers at the University of Kentucky to review your responses and include them as part of a larger study designed to help us understand more about librarians' priorities when planning storytime programs.

You may not get personal benefit from taking part in this research study, but some volunteers experience satisfaction from knowing they have contributed to research that may possibly benefit others in the future.

If you do not want to be part of the study, you may indicate that preference. You will still be able to utilize the learning module, but your responses will not reviewed or included in the study. Your employers will not know whether or not you have agreed to allow the data to be used by researchers.

The questionnaire is designed to be part of the learning module, and the module will take about 95 minutes to complete. There are no known risks to participating in this study.

Your response to the questionnaire will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. When we write about the study you will not be identified. Your responses will be linked to your username; however, prior to making the responses available to the researchers, staff in the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute will remove all other data, including the username. The researchers of this study will not attempt to connect your responses to your identity in any way. If you decide to stop participating after you begin the questionnaire, you can continue the learning module without responding to additional questions and still be offered a certificate of participation upon completion of the module.

The information collected in the responses may be used for future research or shared with other researchers without your additional informed consent. We hope to receive completed questionnaires from about 1,000 people, so your answers are important to us. Of course, you have a choice about whether or not to complete the questionnaire, but if you do participate, you are free to skip any questions or discontinue at any time. You will not be penalized in any way for skipping or discontinuing the questionnaire.

Please be aware, while we make every effort to safeguard your data once received from the online learning management company, given the nature of online surveys, as with anything involving the Internet, we can never guarantee the confidentiality of the data while still on the learning management company's servers, or while en route to either them or us. It is also possible the raw data collected for research purposes will be used for marketing or reporting purposes by the learning management/data gathering company after the research is concluded, depending on the company's Terms of Service and Privacy policies.

If you have questions about the study, please feel free to ask; my contact information is given below.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important project.

Sincerely,
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