# California State University, Fullerton Research Study Consent Form

**Study Title:** Black Critical Parental Engagement and Special Education Services

**Protocol Number:** HSR-23-24-234

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You are being asked to take part in a research study carried out by Sydney Thompson and Asya Harrison. This consent form explains the research study and your part in it if you decide to join the study. Please read the form carefully, taking as much time as you need. Ask the researcher to explain anything you don't understand. You can decide not to join the study. If you join the study, you can change your mind later and leave the study at any time. There will be no penalty or loss of services or benefits if you decide to not take part in the study.

## What is this study about?

This research study is being conducted to assess Black parent, caregiver, or guardian of a child that has received or is attempting to gain assess to special education services during their K-12 education.

Taking part in the study will take about 20 minutes.

You cannot take part in this study if you are not a Black parent guardian, or caregiver, under 18, or do not have a child that has a disability.

### What will I be asked to do if I am in this study?

An e-mail or QR code with the "Qualtrics Online Survey" link was sent out to participants who self-identify as Black Parent, guardian, or caregiver and have a child that has a disability. The survey took approximately 20 minutes to complete. Prior to starting the survey, participants must give consent to verify again that they were at least 18 years of age and agree to participate in the survey. The participant could not take part in this study if s/he was under 18 or not a Black parent guardian, or caregiver, or do not have a child that has a disability. Those who decided to participate in the study were first asked to complete their demographic information such as gender, age, childs age, approximate household income etc. Then, they were asked to answer survey questions from the scales that were included in the study.

This survey will take about 20 Minutes complete.

You may refuse to answer any questions in any test or questionnaire.

We do not need access to official medical or academic records. However, you will be asked to disclose your child specific learning disability. This information will be used to better understand how access to special education services differs based on disability diagnoses.

Are there any benefits to me if I am in this study?

The potential benefits to you for taking part in this study are: There is no direct benefit to you from being in this study.

If you take part in this study, you may highlight other Black Parents in the future who struggle with receiving and completing the steps for special education services.

### Are there any risks to me if I am in this study?

The potential risks from taking part in this study are emotional distress due to discussing minors that are already a marginalized group and their educational well being,

The precautions that are being taken to minimize risks are ensuring participants are comfortable as they are taking the study.

### Will my information be kept anonymous or confidential?

The data for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. No published results will identify you, and your name will not be associated with the findings. Under certain circumstances, information that identifies you may be released for internal and external reviews of this project. Data will be stored on a password protected computer. The people will have access to the data are Sydney Thompson and Asya Harrison. Your privacy will be maintained by having private conversations and by not interacting with other participants.

The results of this study may be published or presented at professional meetings, but the identities of all research participants will remain anonymous

The data for this study will be kept for 3 years. Individuals may keep the data indefinitely. However, clarify how the data will be used (i.e. future educational use, presentations, publications, etc.) and why it must kept.

### Are there any costs or payments for being in this study?

There will be no costs to you for taking part in this study. You will not receive money or any other form of compensation for taking part in this study.

### Who can I talk to if I have questions?

If you have questions about this study or the information in this form, please contact the researcher Sydney Thompson via email: sydneytaymar@csu.fullerton.edu or phone number: (951)-870-5195. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or would like to report a concern or complaint about this study, please contact the Institutional Review Board at (657) 278-7719, or e-mail irb@fullerton.edu

### What are my rights as a research study volunteer?

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Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to be a part of this study. There will be no penalty to you if you choose not to take part. You may choose not to answer specific questions or to stop participating at any time.

## What does my signature on this consent form mean?

Your signature on this form means that:

- You understand the information given to you in this form
- You have been able to ask the researcher questions and state any concerns
- The researcher has responded to your questions and concerns
- You believe you understand the research study and the potential benefits and risks that are involved.

### **Statement of Consent**

I have carefully read and/or I have had the terms used in this consent form and their significance explained to me. By signing below, I agree that I am at least 18 years of age and agree to participate in this project. You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent form to keep.

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Participant	Date
Signature of Investigator	Date
Please check the box below [ ] There will be no voice, video, digital or images participant	nge recordings will be made of you as the

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