

Explanatory Statement

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Project Title: National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health: Process and Outcome Evaluation

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Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project.

The following pages provide information about the project, to help you decide if you would like to take part in this research. Please read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. If you begin participating, you can stop at any time.

What is this research about?

This research is being conducted by Emerging Minds on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the Department). The project is funded by the Department. The aim is to learn more about the National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health (NWC) and how it might be helping practitioners address mental health difficulties in children (or not). Findings from the research will be used to guide and improve activities of the NWC.

The research has been approved by the Monash Human Ethics Research Committee (Melbourne).

What will I be asked to do?

Involvement in the project will require participation in online courses and completing questionnaires, with the first being at registration. Following the completion of each online course, another questionnaire will be provided. These questionnaires are anticipated to take five minutes to complete and the number will vary depending on the training you've selected. At the end of the evaluation research, you may be invited to complete a final follow-up survey.

What are the possible benefits?

There are no direct benefits for you from being involved in this research however the findings from this evaluation may help us to understand how the NWCs activities worked and what changes may be needed.

What are the possible risks?

If talking with the researcher makes you feel upset, or you have any other concerns about participating, you are welcome to call a member of the research team, Dr. Melinda Goodyear (08 8367 0888). Additionally, our researchers are all experienced interviewers who can help you find a support such as a GP or a mental health worker. Alternatively, you may wish to call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Confidentiality

All data relating to you will be de-identified prior to being used for any analyses. This means that the research team will not be able to determine who the data was collected from when running their analyses.

No other organisations will have access to the information you give us and your involvement in this evaluation will not affect your involvement with the NWC or related initiatives in any way. In some instances, data may be shared with research and evaluation partners for the purposes of completing data analysis or preparing publications. However, only de-identified data will be shared, meaning responses cannot be linked to individuals and continue to remain anonymous and confidential.

Limits to confidentiality

All data collected for this study will be confidential, however there are some important exceptions to confidentiality. If we are worried that you are at risk of harm, we will have to disclose your personal information with or without your consent.

What will we do with the information you give us?

We will store the information you give us in a secure location on a server which only members of the research team have access to. Information collected through this research will be used as the basis for a report to the Department to better understand how the NWC is helping practitioners. We might also report findings from this research in academic articles, at conferences or in books. No research findings are reported in a way that allows any members of the study to be identified, including agency names and geographic locations.

Only staff involved in this research will have access to this information. All data will be stored at Emerging Minds for a minimum of five years before it will be destroyed. Electronic data will be stored on the secure password protected server.

Do I have to take part?

If you don't want to take part in the study you don't have to. You may also withdraw from the study at any stage and this will not affect your involvement with the NWC or related initiatives in any way.

Declining to participate means that you do not wish to continue completing questionnaires for this research. Withdrawing means that no future information will be provided by you via questionnaires for use in evaluation reports. However, information provided by you during your involvement in the study will not be able to be removed because it is not identifiable.

Will I hear about the results of this project?

If you would like to know the results of the project, you can contact the evaluation team via email at goodyearm@emergingminds.com.au and we will send you a summary.

Contact us

You should feel free to ask questions at any time. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Dr Melinda Goodyear at Monash University (08 8367 0888 or email goodyearm@emergingminds.com.au).

For complaints about the research project

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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Thank you,



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