

# Study Information Sheet

## Photovoice Child Survey



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### *Research Study: Community participation for children with a disability (0-14 years) and their families in Australia*

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Hello! Our names are:

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#### **1. What is this about?**

We are doing a study about how children with a disability and their families participate in activities in the community in Australia. Activities might include going to a museum, playing a sport, going for a walk or to the beach, going to an event or a place of worship, going shopping or going out to a restaurant.

We want to hear directly from children about their experiences. We have asked you because you are a parent of a child with a disability who is 0-14 years old and you can say if it is ok for your child to take part in the study.

You and your child can choose to take part, but you don't have to. This sheet will tell you more about what will happen so you can make up your minds. If you have any questions you can ask us, or you can talk to someone else who looks after you. If you want to, you can call us on 02 8627 1444

#### **2. What will happen if I say yes?**

If you and your child decide to take part in this study, your child will be asked to do the following things (with your support):

- Take photos of things they like to do in the community and things that make them feel included.

- Take photos of things they don't like in the community and when they don't feel included.
- Upload the photos to an online survey and answer some questions about them.

Your child (with your support) can take photos on a device or with a camera. The survey will take around 10 minutes once you have taken your photos.

### **3. What are the good or bad things about the study?**

The study will take up some of your time, but we don't think it will upset you or cost you anything. If you or your child become upset during or after doing the survey, you and they can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Kids helpline 1800 55 1800. Both have people who can listen and help you feel better.

Once you have finished the survey, you can also choose to go into the draw to win a \$50 Booktopia voucher for your family. Your entry information will be kept separate from your survey response.

Once we have finished the study, we will let you know what we found out.

### **4. What are your rights?**

Whatever you tell us is private. We won't use yours or your child's name and we won't say anything that could tell other people who you are unless you say its ok to use your name.

In the survey we will ask you if its ok to show the photos to other. This might mean in an email, on social media or on a website. You can say no and still take part in the study.

We will contact you by email and tell you what photo we will be using, what it is being used for and where it will be. Any person other than your child and your family in the photo will be blurred out.

We may also use the information from this survey for other research projects. You will be asked permission in the survey for us to do this. You can say no and still participate in the research.

If you change your mind while you are answering the questions that's ok. It won't change how we feel about you. We will keep the information you tell us in the survey before you change your mind but we won't ask for any more information.

If you have any questions about the study you can talk to Genevieve Johnsson  
02 8627 1444 [genevieve.johnsson@sydney.edu.au](mailto:genevieve.johnsson@sydney.edu.au)

## **5. What if I am not happy about the study?**

If you are not happy with how we are doing the study and want to contact someone else, you can:

- **Call** the university on +61 2 8627 8176
- **Email** the manager at [human.ethics@sydney.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics@sydney.edu.au)

***This sheet is for you to keep***