

Research Study Invitation Email

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is Dr. Eun Young Kwon. I am an Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia and co-director of the Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing graduate program. I hope this email finds you well.

As the Principal Investigator, I am writing this to invite you to participate in a research study titled “*Parents’ Perspectives on School Services and Collaboration for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing with Disabilities.*” The purpose of this study is to learn more about how parents and caregivers work with schools and make decisions about school services to understand and meet their child’s diverse needs. You are eligible to participate if your child is deaf or hard of hearing, attends a K-12 school, and has a diagnosed disability (or has been identified by the school team as potentially having a disability), such as autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, global delays, physical disabilities, and/or blindness. Your experiences and perspectives are important and may help future families and educators collaborate more effectively to support learners who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Please read the [Consent Form](#) that includes the research goals, procedures, and any risks and potential benefits of the study. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact me, the Principal Investigator, directly by email (eunyoung.kwon@ubc.ca). After we receive your consent, we will schedule a 50-60 minute individual interview at a time that works best for you. If you prefer a language other than English, the interview will be conducted with a signed or spoken language interpreter. All personal information will remain strictly confidential, and you may withdraw from the study at any time. As a thank-you for your time, you will receive a \$50 gift card after completing the individual interview. If you choose to participate in a follow-up focus group interview, you will receive an additional \$50 gift card.

Thank you for your time and for considering participating in this research. Your input will be truly appreciated and help improve school services for learners who are deaf and hard of hearing. Please contact me if you have any questions, or if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



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