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Informed Consent - Pre-/Post-Survey

Overview

Your student is invited to participate in a mixed-methods research study performed by doctoral candidate, Stephanie Onkst, within the Counseling Department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania to fulfill the requirements of the PhD degree. Participation in the study should take no more than 20 minutes to complete the pre- and post-survey. Students will have the opportunity to complete the surveys during school hours with their assigned school district representative. There will also be an additional opportunity for students to participate in a focus group lasting 40-45 minutes.

The study seeks to conduct a program evaluation of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Businesses And Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions (BASICS) Career Shadowing Program through the use of a pre- and post-test electronic survey. This survey is administered electronically and the results will be analyzed using Qualtrics analytics. You must be enrolled in a Blair County school and registered for the Career Shadowing Program to participate in the pre- and post-survey. There are no direct benefits to participants, but the results will be used to strengthen and improve the program for future students. You have the right to ask questions at any time.

Please feel free to contact Stephanie Onkst, Doctoral candidate in the Counselor Education and Supervision program, at qsdz@iup.edu with any questions. You may also contact Dr. MaShew Nice, Faculty Advisor, with any questions at mnice@iup.edu or by phone at 724-ti57-2ti06.

Purpose of the Study



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The purpose of the study is to conduct an evaluation of the BASICS Career Shadowing Program. The results of the study will provide essential information for the program to continue to meet students' needs and to gather information on students' outcomes and experiences who participated in the Career Shadowing program.

Confidentiality

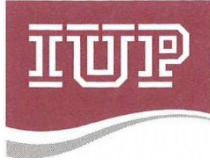
Your responses to the surveys being utilized in this study will be anonymous and unable to be linked to identifying information. The consent forms will be safeguarded and stored in a locking filing cabinet within the home school district. Due to the anonymity of survey responses after completing the pre- and post- survey, participants are unable to withdraw from the study. If at any time participants choose to discontinue participation in either the pre- or post-survey, they may choose to do so by exiting the browser and closing the survey. There will be an optional area for students to provide their email address should they wish to participate in a voluntary focus group. They will be electronically emailed an additional consent form. This form will need to be signed and turned into the researcher before participating in the focus group.

Risks and Benefits

There are no anticipated risks associated with this study.

Voluntary Participation

Your student's participation in this study is voluntary. They may choose to opt out before survey submission by closing the browser during the pre- or post-survey. The researcher is not able to track who clicked on



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the link to complete either survey, or those who indicated interest or declined the focus group. Students are not penalized in any way by not completing the pre- and/or post-survey.

If you agree to allow your student to participate in this study, please sign and date below. Your signature means that you consent to allow your minor student to participate in the research study. You certify that you have read and understood the information contained within this form.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

**THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE INDIANA
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS (PHONE
724.357.7710).**