

Identifying factors family factors that impact on child health and wellbeing:
a national study of the Parent Engagement Resource (PER)

Centre for Community Child Health

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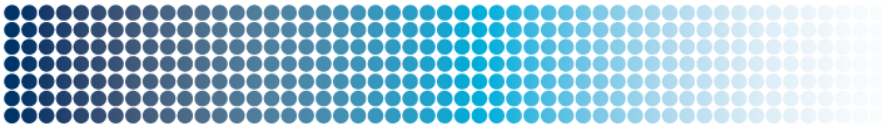
The Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

and

Practice Managers at Communities for Children Sites

Researchers and MCRI have developed a tool to support practitioners in identifying and addressing psychosocial concerns that impact on child development. The Parent Engagement Resource (PER) has been successfully trialed with Maternal and Child Health nurses in Victoria and we are now undertaking a national study of its use across different settings and professions. The purpose of this document is to outline the commitment of practice managers involved in this project.

With your support, key practitioners from your organisation are invited to participate. Sites will be randomised to either the control group (usual practice group) or intervention group (PER group) by the study team in June, 2013. During the implementation phase (for 6 months following training), all practitioners will ask eligible clients for their permission to pass on the client's contact details to the research team and provide them with an information pack. The research team will be responsible for consenting families to the study over the phone. We will inform practitioners if their clients are willing to take part in the study. Practitioner responsibilities will vary depending on their site's allocation to intervention or control.



In the event that practitioners from our site are selected for the **intervention group** (PER group), I
..... (please print your name), agree that:

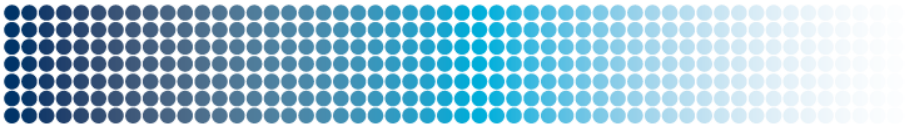
- 1) Practitioners will have time release to attend two days of professional development.
- 2) Practitioners will have access to supervision with an experienced practitioner colleague from a similar professional background (this may be with their usual supervisor, if appropriate).
- 3) Practitioners will be allocated an additional 30 minutes to administer the PER with clients who have already consented to take part in the study.
- 4) For parents of children aged two years and older, practitioners will be able to offer parents access to a form of supervised activity for their child, if required, during the administration of the PER.

In the event that practitioners from our site are selected for the control group (usual practice), I agree that:

- 1) Practitioners will have time release to attend 1-2 hours of pre-trial training to learn about supporting the recruitment of families into the trial. This training will be provided via teleconference, phone or Skype, depending on site access.
- 2) Practitioners will be allocated an additional 5 minutes to complete a consultation record for clients who have already consented to take part in the study.

As the practice manager, I agree to:

- 1) Encourage practitioners to participate in data collection activities including online surveys and focus groups.
- 2) Maintain the intervention integrity by not communicating details of the intervention with other site managers or staff.
- 3) Ensure that the organisation's usual indemnity insurance is maintained for the duration of the trial period.



I understand that this project has been approved by The Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee and will be carried out in line with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).

Both parties are committed to the success of the Parent Engagement Resource Trial and are in agreement with the principles expressed in this document.

Signed on behalf of the
PER Study Team

Tim Moore, Senior Research Fellow

Signed by (Practice
Manager)

Practice Name and location: (print
please).....

Today’s Date: