

**Informed Consent Form**  
**Daily Experience of Simulation Training**

We are writing to invite you to participate in a study regarding your daily learning experience during the simulation training week at the Child Protection Training Academy. As part of the program evaluation of Child Protection Training Academy, this study is conducted by Dr. Theodore Cross, research professors at the Children and Family Research Center of the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and his team. You will be asked to complete the Daily Experience of Simulation Training (DEST) web-based measure every day to reflect on your daily training experience during the simulation training week. The risks are minimal. It is possible you might experience some discomfort if you are not happy with the training or with your progress in the training. The survey will help us evaluate the quality of simulation training and understand better the process by which trainees learn. This will help the trainers improve the training. You may also benefit from the opportunity to reflect on your training experience.

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**What procedures are involved?**

You will rate your confidence level on child protection skills and provide feedback on the training. Two open-ended questions are also provided on this survey for you to reflect on your training experiences. The DEST survey software will ask your email every time when you enter the survey. You are asked to use the same email address each day of your simulation training so the researchers can track your scores from day-to-day but your scores can be anonymous. Neither the trainers nor DCFS will be able to tell which scores are yours. You will be invited to take the DEST six times: baseline, Monday to Friday afternoons. Each DEST administration will take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

**Will my study-related information be kept confidential?**

Faculty, staff, students, and others with permission or authority to see your study information will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted and required by laws and university policies. The names or personal identifiers of participants will not be published or presented.

DCFS is sponsoring this study, but DCFS will not see your name, will not know whether or not you participate, and will not see your individual responses. When the results of the research are published in a report or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your identity.

**Will I be reimbursed for any expenses or paid for my participation in this research?**

You will not be offered payment for being in this study.

**Can I withdraw or be removed from the study?**

Your decision to participate or decline participation in this study is completely voluntary and you may skip any question or terminate your participation at any time without penalty. Your decision about whether or not to participate, or to withdraw after beginning participation, will not affect your current or future dealings with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, or with DCFS or the University of Illinois at Springfield. If you do not wish to participate in this study just click "no" on this bottom of the page.

The researchers also have the right to stop your participation in this study without your consent if they believe it is in your best interests, or if you were to object to any future changes that may be made in the study plan, and/or the survey.

**Will data collected from me be used for any other research?**

Your de-identified and anonymous information could be used for future research without additional informed consent.

**Who should I contact if I have questions?**

If you have questions about this project, you may contact Dr. Ted Cross at [tpcross@illinois.edu](mailto:tpcross@illinois.edu) or 781-640-4532. If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office for the Protection of Research Subjects at 217-333-2670 or via email at [irb@illinois.edu](mailto:irb@illinois.edu).

Please print this consent form if you would like to retain a copy for your records.

I have read and understand the above consent form, I certify that I am 18 years old or older and, by selecting "Yes" below and clicking the "Submit" button to enter the survey, I indicate my willingness to voluntarily take part in this study.

Yes No