Adult (Parent) Consent form

IRB # 051419-1

Title of the Research Study: PAWS University Assessment

Summary
The purpose of this study is to assess components related to programming and participation in the PAWS University (PAWS-U) summer program. Your responses will help assess the PAWS-U program.

Invitation
You are invited to participate in this research study. The following information is provided in order to help you to make an informed decision whether or not to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the researcher, Richard Mocarski, mocarskira@unk.edu or 308-865-8496.

Eligibility
You are eligible to participate in this study because you are either a parent/caregiver of a child registered in the PAWS-U summer workshops, a PAWS-U teacher, or PAWS-U staff member. PAWS-U is housed at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

Purpose
The purpose of this study is to collect information from about your perceptions and experience with PAWS-U.

Participation
Participation is voluntary. If you choose (parent/caregiver/teacher/staff) not to participate, or withdraw during participation, your relationship with PAWS-U and its staff, and your child’s relationship with PAWS-U and its staff, will be unaffected.

Any information obtained during this study that could identify you will be kept strictly confidential. The information obtained in this study may be published in scientific journals or presented at scientific meetings; however, the data will not contain any identifying information.

By signing the consent form, you agree to voluntarily participate in the study. You are free to decide not to participate in this study or to withdraw at any time without adversely affecting your relationship with the investigators or the University of Nebraska - Kearney. Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may contact the researcher for a copy of this consent form at mocarskira@unk.edu.

Parents of Children—Survey: Participation in this study will require approximately 10 minutes of your time. You will be asked to complete open-ended and closed-ended questions related to demographic or personal information and your participation in PAWS University.

Parents of Children—Focus Groups: A group of randomly selected parents/caregivers will be invited to participate in a post workshop focus group. Participation in focus groups is voluntary. The purpose of the focus group is to collect information about perceptions and experience with PAWS-U. The focus group will last between 45 minutes and an hour.
after the conclusion of the workshop. If you choose to participate in this portion of the research, a digital audio recording of your focus group will be made. These audio recordings will be encrypted and saved on a password protected computer. The audio recordings will also be labeled with a code, not the names of focus group participants. The audio recordings will be transcribed and the names of focus group participants will be replaced with aliases. Once transcriptions are complete and checked, recordings will be destroyed. There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this research study. Participants are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

**PAWS-U Staff, Teachers, and Leadership—Focus Groups:** All PAWS-U leadership (e.g. organizing committee), teachers, and staff (e.g. paraprofessionals) are invited to participate in a post workshop focus group. Participation in focus groups is voluntary. The purpose of the focus group is to collect information about perceptions and experience with PAWS-U. The focus group will last between 45 minutes and an hour after the conclusion of the workshop. If you choose to participate in this portion of the research, a digital audio recording of your focus group will be made. These audio recordings will be encrypted and saved on a password protected computer. The audio recordings will also be labeled with a code, not the names of focus group participants. The audio recordings will be transcribed and the names of focus group participants will be replaced with aliases. Once transcriptions are complete and checked, recordings will be destroyed. There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this research study. Participants are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

**Rights of Research Subjects**

Your rights as a research subject have been explained to you. If you have any additional questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact the University of Nebraska at Kearney Institutional Review Board (IRB), phone 308-865-8843.

**Documentation of Informed Consent**

You are voluntarily making a decision whether or not to participate in this research study. Your signature certifies that you have decided to participate having read and understood the information presented.

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Participant name        Date                  Participant signature

**Identification of Investigators**

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