



Evaluation Opt-Out Information for the Child Signature Program

Dear Teacher:

You have been selected to take part in a new preschool quality enhancement program sponsored by First 5 California.

As you know, First 5 California is committed to enhancing the quality of Early Childhood Education in California. We will be evaluating the quality enhancements that we have put in place at your school as part of the Child Signature Program. The information collected through this evaluation will help First 5 California learn more about what children need to grow and learn in school and how to make classrooms better. The evaluation we will conduct is about our program and not an evaluation about individual teachers or children.

You are invited to participate in this program evaluation because you are a teacher or an assistant teacher at a school that has received funding and quality enhancements from First 5 California.

What does it mean for me to participate?

We will collect data about you related to your role as a teacher, such as your education and employment history. This is information your employer already has. Researchers will visit your classroom to observe how you interact with students and how your classroom is organized. These researchers will prepare reports and submit them to us. You will be asked to track the development of your students using DRDP assessments.

You will not be compensated for being in this evaluation. However, the information you provide will help us improve future First 5 California programs and increase the quality of early childhood education in California.

Only authorized people will have access to what you tell us. First 5 California will not ask for your name, where you live, your phone number, or anything like that for this evaluation. Personal information that you do provide will never be used in reports.

You can restrict use of evaluation data related to you (opt-out) at any time by filling out and submitting the opt-out form that is part of this document.

What does it mean to opt-out?

Opting-out means that evaluation data related to you will be restricted to official government reports only. For example, if you opt out, data collected about you by First 5 California cannot be shared with academic researchers. We will still use this information to evaluate the program. No individual data will be collected about you that could identify you.

If you opt-out, you still can participate in the program, and you can continue to teach in your class. Researchers will still visit your class to observe how you interact with your students and how your classroom is organized, and you still will be asked to track the development of your students using DRDP assessments.

If you have any questions you can contact Robert Dean at (916) 263-1021, or email him at rdean@ccfc.ca.gov

If you do not want to opt-out, you don't have to do anything. Just keep these forms in case you have questions later.

Human Subjects Rights and Contact Information

It is the firm policy of First 5 California that data collected for this evaluation may not be used for individual performance review, promotion, discipline, or retention decisions related to teachers, assistants, or other classroom staff. If you feel that any information collected for our evaluation is being used in violation of this policy, please contact Robert Dean at (916) 263-1021 or email him at rdean@ccfc.ca.gov.

You have rights as a research subject. Attached is a copy of the Research Subjects Bill of Rights for you to keep.

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the state Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at (916) 326-3660, or email them at cphs-mail@oshpd.ca.gov

If you DO NOT want to allow program evaluation data to be used beyond First 5 California government reports, please fill-out this form and return it to your employer.

Child Signature Program Opt-Out Form (Teacher)

I have received information about this evaluation. The process is clear to me and my questions have been answered satisfactorily.

I DO NOT want to allow program evaluation data that includes me to be used beyond government evaluation reports.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Local Evaluator: Please provide the following information before remitting to First 5 California:

County: _____

Site Name/ID: _____

Classroom Name/ID: _____

Keep a copy of this document for your records and send the original to:

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