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Title of Project: The Impact of Screen Use on Early Expressive Language Development

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You are invited to participate in a research study. The page below provides important information about the study, including the study purpose and risks and benefits of participating, so that you can decide if you would like to participate.

What is the purpose of this research study?

The purpose of this study is to explore if the context and amount of screen use has an effect on expressive language development in children age 16-30 months.

Why are you being asked to participate in this study?

You are being asked to take part in this study because you have a child age 16-30 months old.

What does this study involve?

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete the survey including questions related to screen use, screen context, family demographic information, and The MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories (CDI) to measure expressive language scores.

What are the risks and benefits of participation?

While there may not be a direct benefit to you from participating in this study, knowledge gained may help understand any potential impact screen use may have on expressive language development. There is a risk you may develop a curiosity or concern about your children's expressive language. Resources will be linked for assessment of your child if this occurs. You will not get feedback regarding the outcome data on the expressive language scores.

What about confidentiality and privacy?

Data from this study will be stored originally in Survey Monkey. Information will be collected anonymously with minimal identifying information gathered. Information will be transferred to JASP (a statistical analysis software). Both Survey Monkey and JASP will be password protected to maintain security. Access to information will be provided to authorized personnel only including researcher Veronica Cardiello and faculty advisor, Cara Knaster, Psy.D. Information received will be anonymous and will be summarized in aggregate when results of data are published. By clicking on continue within the survey, you are providing consent to have your answer used in the study.

What are the incentives to participate?

There are no incentives or compensation provided for your participation in this study. The benefit of this study includes advancing academic understanding of this topic.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Please contact the principal researcher or faculty advisor listed above for any questions you may have about this study. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the chair of the Research Ethics Review Board, Dr. Marcia Parris, at mparris@immaculata.edu or 484-323-3211.

Conditions of Participation

Your participation in this study is voluntary and you have the right to refuse or withdraw participation at any time without penalty. I would like to assure you that this study has been reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Review Board at Immaculata University. However, the final decision about participation is yours.