



**MANAGING THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING: PERSPECTIVES OF  
CAREGIVERS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN  
WITH FASD**

**Parent/Caregiver Information Letter**

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My name is Suretha Swart and I am a doctoral student in School Psychology at the University of British Columbia. I am doing a study to find out how caregivers of children (ages 6-12) manage their children's schooling. To do this, I would like to talk to caregivers/parents like you.

I am writing you to see if you would be willing to talk to me about your experiences with your child's schooling. If you agree to take part in the study or need to know more, please contact me at **604-761-1342**. We can talk on the phone and then plan a time to talk more at a time and place of your choice if you want to take part.

If you take part in the study I will ask you to talk to me about your experiences in trying to manage your child's schooling. There will likely be two or three interviews that will last for about one hour each. This means that we would talk for about 4.5 to 5 hours over the 4-month period if you take part in the study. To help me to remember what we talked

about, I will audiotape the interviews. A typist or myself will type the audiotapes. The typist will sign an agreement to not share the information with anyone. I will also take notes before the interview and directly after to remind me of what I have seen. You will have a chance to discuss any questions you may have regarding the study prior to the first interview. If you have any notes, emails, letters or other documents about your experiences that you want to share with me to help me understand how you manage your child's schooling that would be helpful as well but not required. All the information (audiotapes, electronic and paper copies) will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in my home during the study and will be stored in a locked cabinet at UBC when the study is completed. Your name, your child's name and other identifying information will not appear on the transcripts. Code numbers will be used instead of names. Your name will not be used in the final write up, at talks about the research, or in possible publications.

I hope that the findings from my study will be helpful to caregivers of children with FASD and help teachers and others understand the experiences of caregivers of children with FASD. In addition I hope the findings will contribute to further research into ways to better support children with FASD and their caregivers/parents in schools.

You will receive \$25.00 for taking part in the study. I will also reimburse you for any travel costs (e.g. bus fare, parking fare) if you travel to the interview. I will also refund you for childcare that you may need during the time you talk with me up to a maximum of \$15.00 per hour.

I hope to hear from you and that you will have interest in working with me on this project. If you have any questions, please do contact me at 604-761-1342 or by email at [suretha@telus.net](mailto:suretha@telus.net).

Regards,

Suretha Swart