

Thank you so much for helping us to identify caregivers to be interviewed for the MUSE study. We are sending this **Caregiver Interviewee Selection Guide** in preparation for our upcoming site visit preparation call in hopes that it helps you and your team think of caregivers who might be interested in being interviewed for the MUSE study.

Each interview will take approximately 60 minutes. All interviews will be conducted separately, either in [Program Name's] office, in the parent's home or in another convenient and private location. Each interviewee will be offered \$40 for participating. The purpose of the interviews is to learn about the parents' experiences with home visiting.

We hope to interview a primary caregiver from three different families that are currently receiving home visiting services through your program. This selection guide, and the criteria discussed below, is just a tool to help you start thinking about caregivers who might be good candidates for interviews during the upcoming site visit.

We would like to speak with caregivers that are the primary service recipient for [Program Name] home visiting services AND that have received services for enough time that they have had more than a few home visits where curriculum or lessons were delivered (i.e. at least 3 months). If there are multiple primary service recipients for a single family (e.g. mother and father always attend together), please include both caregivers in your consideration but only invite one to be interviewed.

As you are making final decisions about which caregivers to contact, we would like you to consider various factors including caregiver's tribal affiliation, living situation, and age, as well as the number of children he or she has. We also would like you to take into consideration what kind of parenting support he or she has and what "type" of caregiver he or she is. Some types of caregivers include:

- First time mothers
- Teen/young mothers
- Fathers
- Grandparents or other primary caregivers other than biological parents
- Married caregivers
- Cohabiting caregivers
- Single parents

Because your program likely serves a lot of different kinds of caregivers in many different parenting and living situations, we would like to interview a set of caregivers that best represent the diversity of your program. Likely, we will not be able to speak with a caregiver from each of your caregiver type(s), but we would like to speak with caregivers who represent the different types of caregivers your program serves. For example, if your program mostly serves first time mothers, but also has a father's program, we might try to interview one first time young single mother, a father and a mother parenting with her partner.

We are asking you to take some time before the call to think about what types of caregivers you serve. During the call we can decide together what types of caregivers to prioritize. After the call, your team will identify caregivers that meet the established criteria.

Once caregivers have been identified, we ask that you request their permission to have their name and contact information shared with the MUSE study team. We have a secure system for you to share this information with us. We will then follow up and call identified caregivers to tell them about the interviews, address any questions or concerns they may have, and schedule the in-person interview. If you have any questions related to the interviews, please contact [Name of staff], [title], at [phone] or [email].