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**FACES 2019 Fall 2021 Special Parent Consent Form
for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Data Collection**

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FACES 2019 FALL 2021 SPECIAL PARENT CONSENT FORM FOR FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022 DATA COLLECTION

We invite you and your child to take part in the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey FACES fall 2021 and spring 2022 data collection. We are inviting you because your child is in a Head Start program that is taking part in this study. FACES aims to learn more about families in Head Start and the services Head Start provides. This study will help the Office of Head Start (OHS) better understand the families Head Start is serving and help them make decisions so that the program can better serve their needs. The study is very important because it will help OHS understand the unique needs of Head Start families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Administration for Children and Families, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is funding FACES 2019. Mathematica, an independent firm, is conducting the survey.

If you agree to take part...

We will ask you to complete a survey this fall and next spring via the web or over the phone. We will ask you about your child, your family's activities and routines, your feelings, and your well-being during the pandemic. These surveys will take about 35 minutes. We will conduct them in your language.

We will also ask your child's Head Start teachers some questions about your child and will observe your child's classroom in the spring. This will help us learn more about the progress your child is making in Head Start.

We will offer a gift card for your help. You will have the option to do the survey by phone or on the web this fall and again in the spring. After you complete each survey, as a thank you, we will send you a \$30 gift card.

You can choose whether you and your child will be part of the study. Taking part is completely voluntary. Your choice to take part or not will not affect the Head Start services you and your child receive. If you choose to take part in the study but then decide you want to leave the study at any point, that is okay.

We will protect your privacy. No one from Head Start will see or hear your answers to the questions in the parent survey or the responses of your child's teacher in the teacher-child report. We may quote responses you provide to open-ended questions in order to illustrate a point, but any specific names or places (or any other information that could identify an individual, program, or community) you mention will be omitted from study reports. We will only report study results for parents, children, and programs as a group. All information collected as part of FACES 2019 will be kept private to the extent permitted by law unless we learn that a child has been hurt or is in danger or you tell us that you plan to seriously hurt yourself or someone else – then by law, we must make a report to the appropriate legal authorities. In the future, survey responses from the study (with nothing identifying individuals, programs, or communities) may be securely shared with qualified individuals for additional learning purposes to better understand the strengths and needs of children and families in Head Start and the programs that serve them.

We have a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. The Certificate helps us protect your privacy. This means no one can force the study team to give out information that identifies

you, even in court. However, we may need to share your information if it shows a serious threat to you or to others, including reporting to authorities when required by law. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may ask for data for an audit or evaluation. If they do, we will need to provide it. However, only DHHS staff involved in the review will see it.

If you have questions about FACES 2019, please call Sara Skidmore, the deputy survey director, toll free at XXX-XXX-XXXX. A staff member will be happy to talk with you. You can find out more about FACES 2019 on the FACES 2019 website. Visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/faces>.

We hope you will take part in this study. Please sign the attached consent form and return it to your child's teacher right away. Thank you! You may also provide consent online and complete your survey by visiting the following website: [URL].

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expiration date for this collection are OMB #: 0970-0151, Exp: XX/XX/XXXX. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Lizabeth Malone, Mathematica, 1100 1st Street, NE, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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