

# Informed Consent | McCormick Center Research Studies

## ADMINISTRATOR ROLE PERCEPTIONS SURVEY

Thank you for your willingness to complete the Administrator Role Perceptions Survey (ARPS). Data gathered from the ARPS is used in research. This consent form outlines the purpose of the research the data will be used in and provides a description of your involvement and rights as a participant.

The purpose of the research is to learn more about the developmental career stages of administrators working in center-based early care and education programs. Results will help us develop a deeper understanding of administrator role perceptions and contribute to research related to administrators of early care and education programs.

By completing the ARPS, you are providing consent for your data to be used in ongoing research studies on administrator role perceptions conducted by the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership at National Louis University, Chicago, Illinois from July 2020 through May, 2024. Participation in the research studies includes completing one 25-minute online survey. Your participation is completely voluntary and will not pose any physical or emotional risk beyond that of everyday life or inconvenience to you beyond the time you spend completing the survey. You can end the survey at any time without penalty or bias.

Participants' identities or the identities of their program will in no way be revealed. All identifiable information (e.g., your name, program's name, address, etc.) will be removed during the data analysis so that your identity and your program's identity will be kept confidential. Program data will not be analyzed or reported individually. To assure confidentiality, only members of the research team will have access to the survey data which will reside on a secured and restricted-access shared drive at National Louis University. Any hard copy data will be kept in a locked cabinet at the McCormick Center for up to three years after the completion of this research study, at which time they will be destroyed and all electronic data will be deleted.

Results of this research may be used to inform practices at the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership, presented at professional conferences, and/or published in journals, books, or other resources related to education. Upon request, you may receive summary results from the research. Please email Dr. Bella, Director of Professional Learning, to request results from this research.

### **In the event you have questions, you may contact the researchers at the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership at National Louis University:**

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**If you have any concerns or questions before or during participation that you feel have not been addressed by the researchers, you may contact:**

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**If you continue with this survey, your consent that the information you provide for the survey can be used for research purposes is implied.**