

## RESEARCH PARTICIPATION REQUEST

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Project Title: *The Effects of Health Professionals' Advice on the Development of Deaf Children*

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I am a doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology department at Gallaudet University. I am conducting research on how the relationship between hearing parents of a deaf/hard-of-hearing child and the health care professionals whom they consult impacts the child's well-being. The current survey has been revised and expanded from a previous version created in 2008. If you filled out the previous survey, you are encouraged to please consider participating again as a number of questions have been added or revised.

*Please consider participating in this study if you are over 18 years of age and are a hearing parent of a deaf/hard-of-hearing child between the ages of 3-8.* The goal of this study is to provide an understanding of how factors farther removed from a deaf child's immediate environment effects the child's development.

For this study, you will be asked to:

1. Fill out an online survey that will ask you to provide information about the following: health care professionals you saw when your child was being diagnosed, decisions you made in regards to services chosen for your child, your child's functioning presently, and family demographic information. You will *not* be asked for your name or other identifying information, and your responses will be kept anonymous.
2. It is anticipated that your participation will take approximately 20-25 minutes.
3. The survey can be accessed online at: <https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=127993>
4. There is no compensation for the study.
5. There is no more than minimal risk to individuals who participate in this research study, and confidentiality will be maintained.
6. Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you decide not to participate in the study, it will not change your relationship to Gallaudet University in any way.
7. You may withdraw from the study at any time, for any reason and without penalty. It is hoped, however, that you will offer your full participation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lori Day at hearingparents@gmail.com. This study has been approved by Gallaudet University's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Thank you for your interest!  
Lori Day