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Date: _____

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian,

The University of Washington's Bachelor of Arts in Early Care & Education (ECE) prepares teachers to make a positive and lasting impact on the development of young children. We are writing to ask you to partner with us in promoting the success of this important program. As part of this degree program, ECE students are asked to gain experience engaging in high quality interactions with young children and then to reflect upon this experience as a means of improving their teaching. In order for instructors and peers to provide them with feedback about their skills, these interactions need to be videotaped. This reflection and feedback process both enhances young children's learning in early childhood settings and encourages excellence in teaching. The ECE student is the main focus of the videotape, but it is likely that your child will be on camera as well. Because of this, we are writing to ask for your consent to have an ECE student interact with your child and for this interaction to be recorded and shared as described below.

Activities that will be recorded

ECE students will record early childhood activities that may include child-led play or story time in which your child is selecting play materials and the ECE student is following your child's lead in play, or the ECE student is reading them a children's book. It may also involve the ECE student teaching a lesson or leading an activity.

How the recorded materials will be used

These recordings will be used by faculty members who are teaching in this program to provide feedback and guidance to the ECE student. They will also be shared with other ECE students in the program to allow them to reflect upon best practices together. In addition, the ECE student will create a portfolio, or an electronic notebook, where they will store some of the videotaped materials. This portfolio may be shared with employers and colleagues as evidence of the ECE student's knowledge and ability to work with children.

Assurance of information security and appropriate use

While in the ECE program, the ECE student will upload the videos into a web-based, privacy-protected space as approved and monitored by UW. Your child will never be identified by last name in the video. The ECE student will also sign an ECE Program Agreement that will be kept on record at the UW and that will be retained after graduation. The agreement will provide consent from the ECE student that they will securely store the materials and will use them only in educational and professional settings for their own purposes. They will not distribute the video to any others.



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We hope to have your permission

If you give your permission, please complete the permission slip at the bottom of this page.
 If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lynn76@uw.edu or at 206-221-3527. On behalf of our students and our program, thank you!

Sincerely,
 Lynn Dietrich, Ph.D.
 Director of Undergraduate Programs

Please choose **one** of the following:

- I, _____ give my permission for my child _____
Name of guardian (please print clearly) *Name of child (please print clearly)*

to participate in instructional sessions with Carla Olsen, and for these
Name of UW student (please print clearly)

interactions to be videotaped as part of several course assignments for the University of Washington Early Care & Education Bachelor's Degree Program and to be used solely for educational and professional purposes related to the program.

- I, _____ do **not** give my permission for my child _____
Name of guardian (please print clearly) *Name of child (please print clearly)*

to participate in instructional sessions with Carla Olsen.
Name of UW student (please print clearly)

Guardian Signature

Date