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Early Intervention Partners Project Outcome Survey

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Early Intervention Partners Project Outcome Survey:

This survey research aims at evaluating the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention's Partners Training Program. This program offers parents of children with special needs an opportunity to enhance their advocacy and leadership skills and to share strategies, to support them in their efforts to become more effective partners with professionals and policymakers. It also assists parent members to become effective participants on their Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council.

The outcome of this training has been seen in sporadic cases where some parents have self-reported their activities. This study will assess the impact of the program in order to determine how successful it has been in helping the participants achieve their aims.

This study, based on Dillman's method of the mail survey, will involve compiling a mailing list of all the participants and sending a cover letter and survey. The week the survey is due, a reminder and second survey will be sent to the nonresponders. Upon completion of the survey, a gift card will be forwarded to the parents thanking them for their participation.

The study will be mostly anonymous, except for a numerical code assigned to each survey that will be used to remind the nonresponders. This linkage will be shredded at the end of the response period. Results from this study will be utilized in the Annual Application of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act forwarded to the United States Department of Education.