INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT

Dear Parent,

You are invited to participate in a student research project being conducted by the School of Psychology, University of Queensland and the Discipline of Psychology, RMIT University. We are conducting a study to investigate the experiences of parents of school aged children (6-18 years). We are specifically interested in investigating the inter-relationships between:

- Parent and child demographic characteristics
- Daily parenting hassles and accommodations
- Parenting practices
- One's beliefs around their parenting
- Social supports available
- Psychological well-being
- Coping
- Child behaviour

Why do we want to know this?
The factors mentioned above have been identified as predictors of positive parenting. This research will support the creation of profiles of the parenting experience, which will help us to: (1) improve the intake procedures of disability and/or family services to better identify families and children in need of additional supports, and (2) identify appropriate support strategies for parents, children and their families to enhance their day-to-day lives.

How can you help?
Participation will involve completing an online OR paper questionnaire. It will take around 30 minutes. The questionnaire will contain measures of the factors listed above. Your responses will be kept private, and no names or identifying information will be recorded.

- TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE:
  Please go to the website below, read the plain-language Participant Information Sheet and follow the prompts; https://goo.gl/HJocGd
  The PASSWORD to access this online questionnaire is: profiles

- TO COMPLETE THE PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE:
  If time to sit down at the computer for 30 minutes is a problem, you can do the questionnaire on paper. For a paper version, please contact Maria Vassos [07 3247 5080; maria.vassos@uq.net.au] or Susana Gavidia-Payne [03 9925 7710; susana.gavidia-payne@rmit.edu.au].

Parents who complete this questionnaire can go into a raffle to win one of four $100 Coles Myer gift cards!

Any questions?
Feel free to contact the lead investigator, Maria Vassos [maria.vassos@uq.net.au or 07 3247 5080] if you have any questions about this research project.

We hope that you choose to participate in this study!