San Antonio Autism Society Consent for Solicitation of Volunteers for Dissertation Research

Your consent is being requested for a research study entitled “An Introspective from Parents of Preschool Children with Autism” to be conducted by Jeannie A Garcia, a doctoral student at Texas State University. She may be reached by phone at 210-275-1759 or by email at elevig@earthlink.net. Dr. Duncan Waite is the advising faculty member from Texas State University and may be reached by telephone at 512-245-2304 or by email at DW26@txstate.edu.

The purpose of this study is to understand what changes, if any, a family will undergo after their child is diagnosed with autism and how they receive information to better understand autism. The procedure will include two interview sessions that will be audio recorded. Between six to ten questions will be asked during each session with each session lasting about thirty minutes each. The sessions will be about four to six weeks apart from each other.

This research will add to the body of research which will benefit parents, teachers, and administrators as they seek to assist parents who have children with autism to learn more about the condition of autism. Potential risks are minimal and may include a possible apprehension about the diagnosis of autism on the part of the parent.

The San Antonio Autism Society will not be identified as an entity in this study. Instead the phrase “an autism group for parents in San Antonio” will be used. The participants will be invited to join the study by solicitation during a monthly training session for parents who have preschool aged children with autism.

The participation in this research study will be completely voluntary and may be withdrawn at any point without any prejudice or discrimination from the researcher or Texas State University. Any questions regarding this research may be addressed to the Institutional Review Board chairperson, Dr. Lisa Lloyd at 512-245-8358, or the Office of Sponsored Programs Administrator, Ms. Becky Northcut at 512-245-2102.

Participants will be kept anonymous and any information that might reveal their identity will not be included in the research results. All audio recordings and transcripts will be kept at the residence of Jeannie Garcia for three years after the completion of the study. At this point, the data will be destroyed.

Your signature below indicates your willingness allow the researcher, Jeannie Garcia, to solicit volunteers for this research from your organization.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_