INFORMATION SHEET-PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN *(Version 1.0 22/11/2016)*

This information sheet is for you to keep

ASQ-TRAK Study

You have been invited to take part in a project with Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) using ASQ-TRAK in Aboriginal children.

**What is ASQ-TRAK?**

The Ages and Stages Questionnaire 3 (ASQ-3) is an American questionnaire used to see if children are on track with their development - the way they talk, play, move, learn and think.

We currently use the ASQ-3 for this purpose in Australia. The ASQ-3 was changed so that it was better for Aboriginal children and easier to understand.

The ASQ-TRAK is the ASQ-3 for Aboriginal children and previous study has shown that this is a reliable tool.

**What is this study about?**

This study aims to;

* Test if the ASQ-TRAK works as well as ASQ-3
* Work out better ways to keep track of Aboriginal children’s development
* Determine the number of children having developmental issues

This study is being carried out in 4 locations in South Australia. CaFHS and University of Melbourne are working together.

**What do I need to do if I take part?**

A health worker/Aboriginal consultant at your CaFHS Centre will ask you questions from the ASQ-TRAK and at the end count the score.

You will also be asked about how you feel about the ASQ-TRAK. This will take about 45 minutes.

In 1 to 2 weeks, the same or a different person will do a home visit to repeat the questions (except APY Lands). This is to check if the same or different person asking the questions will get the same scores.

**What will my child need to do if they take part?**

Your child will need to be present with you for both of the ASQ-TRAK questionnaire sessions. Your child will need to play some games or answer some questions.

**How could this study help my child?**

You can see if your child is doing well and learn different ways to help your child develop.

The CaFHS staff will talk to you about your child’s results. This result will go on your child’s records at CaFHS.

If your child needs help in certain areas, for example speaking so that others can understand. CaFHS staff will talk to you about this.

They might talk to you about referring to a doctor, specialist or other health professionals.

**How could this study help my community?**

It is important to keep track of your child’s development to make sure they do well at school and later as adults.

A good developmental questionnaire will help other Aboriginal families and children too.

**How will I find out about the results of the project?**

When we finish, we will update parents and CaFHS staff of our findings.

We will also write about the findings of the project in journals, so we can share them with others in Australia and around the world.

The names of people will not be included in the findings. This means that no one will be able to identify you or your child.

**What else do I need to know?**

You can decide if you and your child would like to join the study.

If you decide not to join the study, you can still attend CaFHS.

If you decide to join the study, you will be asked to sign a consent form. Signing this form means you understand what the study is about and you agree to take part.

You can change your mind at any time and can ask us to not use your child’s information.

If you have other questions or concerns regarding the project, you can contact us as below;

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