Dear Parent,

You are being asked to be in a research study about Parenting Coordination. You are eligible to participate if you live in Canada or the United States and are currently involved or have finished Parenting Coordination within the past five years. The purpose is to learn more about parents involved in Parenting Coordination and learn about your experience of this intervention. This study is being conducted for my social work doctoral degree, and the results may be published or presented at professional conferences.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online survey which will take approximately 20-30 minutes of your time to fill out. Your survey responses will be completely anonymous with no way of connecting you to your answers. All of your responses will be stored electronically and password protected for three years according to federal regulations. In the event that materials are needed beyond this period, they will be kept secured until no longer needed, and then destroyed.

Like any research, there are both risks and benefits to participating. A potential risk may be some emotional distress surfacing during your experience of filling out the survey as you will be asked to share your perspective about some of the things that led to the conflict with your child(ren)’s other parent as well as how you co-parent. If you agree to participate, you will find a list of resources (i.e. books, websites) and ways to access support services in your area should you feel any distress, before you begin the survey. The benefits include the ability for you to share your perspective, to think about what you learned that may have been helpful, to help others learn from your experience and to improve the success of Parenting Coordination. It may also lead you to think about this experience and reflect on how it has influenced your life. Additionally, once you complete the survey, there will be an option for you to enter your name separately from your anonymous data if you wish to be entered into a draw to win 1 of 6 $50 gift cards to Target.

The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Please note that once you have agreed to participate and begin the survey, you will not be able to withdraw from the study as I will not be able to identify your answers due to the information being anonymous. However, you may choose not to answer any question.

Please feel free to click on the link below to directly access the survey and/or contact me with any further questions at kmandari@smith.edu.

If you know any other parents who you think might be eligible to fill out this survey, please forward this email and/or link to them as well.

[**http://fluidsurveys.com/s/PCParentSurvey/**](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/PCParentSurvey/)

Thank you,

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