

LET YOUR FAMILY SPEAK

Research Goal

We are seeking participants for a ground-breaking study of gay father families who have a child born via surrogacy. Although lesbian mothers and their children conceived via sperm donation have been studied extensively, gay fathers and their children born via surrogacy have not previously been the focus of research using the best research methods available. In our study, we are focusing on the development of these children as well as the experiences of the intended parents.



What's Involved

This study will take approximately 60 to 90 minutes to complete and all of your responses will be kept strictly confidential. You would only need to provide your name and other contact information if you choose to be contacted for future studies or to receive a summary of the results of the current study. If you have any questions, please contact us at ResearchFS@alliant.edu. To participate, click the following link, or copy and paste the link into your web address bar:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FAMSTUDYIS>

Benefits of participation

- You can choose to receive a summary of the results when the research is completed.
- Most parents find the survey questions thought-provoking and relevant to their lives.
- You will be making an extremely significant contribution to understanding families created via surrogacy.
- As an expression of our gratitude, you will be entered into a drawing for iPad minis.

Who can Participate

To be eligible to participate in this study you must be at least 18 years old and be in a current couple relationship with the partner/spouse you originally planned to co-parent with. Your child must fit the following characteristics for this particular research:

- Born via surrogacy
- Now between the ages of **3** and **10**
- Not one of multiple births (for example, not a twin or triplet)
- Genetically related to **ONE** of the fathers in the couple relationship (one of the dads was the sperm provider)

We are asking that the "PRIMARY" caregiving parent be the person to fill out the survey. By "primary caregiving parent" we mean the parent who has spent the most time with the child and carried most of the responsibility for taking care of the child overall since birth. If both parents spend an equal amount of time in this role, then you can either flip a coin or self-select who will serve as the parent participant for this study. Because the survey is in English, participating parents will need to be able to read and write English in order to complete the survey.

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Thanks for your help with this research!