

Dear Prospective Participant,

This letter is a request for you to participate in a research project aimed at understanding how resources are associated with the perception of caring for a child with special healthcare needs. This project is being conducted by Dr. Brad Phillips, PhD, RN in the School of Nursing at West Virginia University.


If you decide to participate, you will be asked to respond to a series of questions in an electronic survey. Your participation in this project will take approximately 10-15 minutes. In order to participate, you must be 18 years of age or older and a parent or primary caregiver of a child with special healthcare needs who lives or seeks healthcare in West Virginia (WV). If you so choose, you can also be entered into a random drawing to win a \$25.00 electronic gift card.

Your participation in this project will be kept as confidential as legally possible, and your involvement will be anonymous unless you choose to disclose your information for the gift card drawing. All data will be reported in the aggregate. Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may skip any question that you do not wish to answer, and you may stop participating at any time. The West Virginia University Institutional Review Board's acknowledgment of this project is on file with the WVU Office of Human Research Protections.

If you have any questions about this research project, please feel free to contact me at (304) 293-5205 or by email at brad.phillips@hsc.wvu.edu. Additionally, you can contact the WVU Office of Human Research Protections at 304-293-7073.

I hope that you will participate in this research project, as it could help us better understand how resources are associated with the perception of caring for a child with special healthcare needs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Brad Phillips, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor
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For Participant: I agree that I have read and understand what this project is about, and by continuing on to the survey, agree to participate in the project. If you are experiencing mental or emotional distress, please use the following resources:

Text HOME to the National Crisis Line at 741741

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) or SAMHSA National Helpline (1-800-622-HELP).

If this is a lifethreaning emergency, please dial 9-1-1.