

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
Expedited Approval

05-Aug-2015

IRB # : IRB-15-03-0076
Study Title : A Grounded Theory Approach to Understanding the Process of Posttraumatic Growth in Children and Families
Principal Investigator: Pitts, Amy
Study Team : Pitts, Amy~Cutler, Michelle~
Expiration Date : 04-Aug-2016

Dear Investigator,

This notification certifies that the above referenced study has been reviewed by The Chicago School of Professional Psychology IRB. The committee has determined that the study meets the requirements for approval by expedited review under category 7.

Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies.

Documents approved for use include informed consent document(s) and advertising material.

Please note that investigators and study personnel must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws regarding the protection of human subjects in research, as well as all TCSPP policies and procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- **Conducting Research:** Ensuring that the research is conducted according to the IRB approved research protocol. Investigators are responsible for the actions of all co-investigators and research staff involved with this research as well as the confidentiality of data. Research may only be conducted using the IRB approved documents included with this approval notice.
- **Modifications:** Proposed changes to this study or related documents must be submitted to the IRB via an *Addendum Application*. All changes must be reviewed and approved by the IRB prior to implementation. Failure to obtain prior approval could result in suspension of the study and additional action as necessary.
- **Continuing Renewal:** Submission of a *Continuing Renewal Application* and any corresponding documents at least 30 days prior to study expiration to prevent a lapse in IRB approval.
- **Unanticipated Problems and Study Deviations:** Timely and accurate reporting of all study unanticipated problems. An unanticipated problem is any problem or event which was unanticipated, reflects new or increased risk

to the subjects and was possibly related to the research procedures. Study Deviation is any change in the study plan that was not previously approved by the IRB Committee.)

- **Recordkeeping:** Accurate record keeping of all study related documents, correspondence, and files.

In addition, all researchers are required to always follow the American Psychological Association's ethical principles and code of conduct, especially in regards to Section 8 of the ethical code ("research and publication"). Failure to conform to the APA ethical code may result in revocation of IRB approval.

Please keep this notification in your study records. You may contact the IRB office with any questions or concerns via the department mailbox IRB@TheChicagoSchool.edu.