

SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WANTED FOR A RESEARCH STUDY

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CURRENT PRACTICES OF STUTTERING SERVICES IN SCHOOL-SETTING: A QUALITATIVE INVESTIGATION

ABOUT

A research team from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Purdue University Fort Wayne is recruiting school speech-language pathologists for interviews. The purpose of this study is to better understand the current stuttering practices at schools. Using semi-structured interviews, this study will explore speech-language pathologists' daily stuttering practice in detail. This study will also explore their confidence and competency levels in working with students who stutter, their experiences and challenges, and the possible reasons that may impact their competence in providing high-quality stuttering services at schools.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Adults over the age of 18 years
- School speech-language pathologist

COMPENSATION

Participants in this study will receive a \$25 gift card upon completion

COMMITMENT

A recorded or videoed interview that will take roughly one hour via Zoom. You can refer to the attached information sheet to know more about this study. If you are interested, please contact Lydia Hubert at hubelr01@pfw.edu or Yan Ma at ma869@pfw.edu.



RESEARCH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM
Stuttering services at schools: A qualitative investigation
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Key Information

You are being asked to participate or be a part of a research study. Your participation is voluntary which means that you may choose not to participate at any time. Please read this form and ask any questions before you agree to be in the study. If you decide to take part in the study, you will be asked to sign this form. Be sure you understand what you will do and any possible risks or benefits.

The researchers hope to learn more about stuttering services (including diagnosis and treatment) in schools as provided by school speech language pathologists (SLPs). We plan to complete this study (which will include 15 school SLPs) in one year. You are being asked to participate because you are a school-based SLP. This study is only intended for people who are 18 years of age or older. **Do not complete the study if you are not legally considered an adult.**

What will I do if I choose to be in this study?

Once you have agreed to participate in this study, you will be asked to read and sign this informed consent to acknowledge that you fully understand your rights, responsibilities, benefits, and possible risks of participating in this study.

Once this consent form is signed, you will be contacted by one of the investigators to set up a meeting time to conduct an interview.

The interview will be conducted via Zoom conference. Upon your agreement, the Zoom session will be recorded for future transcription.

The interview will take roughly one hour. You will be asked to answer interview questions regarding your speech services to students who stutter. You can skip questions that you do not want to answer or stop the interview at any time. You will also be asked if you are willing to be interviewed again after the collected data has been analyzed for a membership check, which is a procedure for consulting your opinions on our data transcription and analysis. The membership check may take 20-30 minutes via Zoom, and it is optional.

How long will I be in the study?

We expect that the interview will take about 30-40 minutes. Considering some preparation time, it may take you roughly an hour for your participation. If you choose to be interviewed again for a membership check, it will take you 30 minutes more time. The study team plans to keep your answers for this study to resolve the research questions. We will keep this information until we are done with the study, approximately one year, and for at least three years after we are finished. We may share the anonymous data and findings with other researchers or in research papers or presentations.

What are the possible risks or discomforts?

All research carries the risk of breach of confidentiality which means that someone outside of our study could figure out that you were in the study or information was yours. We will take steps to minimize the risk, this will be described in the confidentiality section.

Some questions could make you feel uncomfortable. If this happens, you can skip any of these questions or stop answering. You can also withdraw from the interview at any time. We anticipate that the risks of participating in this research are no greater than what you would encounter in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological exams or tests.

A risk that could occur is a privacy leak; for example, the interviewee's email could leak. We will save all the collected data in a Reed folder that can only be accessed by the principal investigator and key personnel, which is also a site for saving sensitive data. Any identifiable information will be removed from the data after we have collected the data.

Your personal information may be shared outside the research study if required by law. We also may need to share your research records with other groups for quality assurance or data analysis. These groups include the Purdue University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law).

Are there any potential benefits?

It is unlikely that there will be direct benefits to you for participating. Having more information from the answers in this research study might help us or other professionals and researchers understand more about stuttering and the stuttering services in schools, and how they may impact the students who stutter. There may be benefits to general knowledge or to society.

Will I receive payment or other incentive?

You will receive compensation for your participation in the study. Compensations will be paid to the participant for their time and help. The total compensation participants will receive is \$25 in a gift card, to be shared upon completion of the interview with each participant.

According to the rules of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), payments that are made to you as a result of your participation in a study may be considered taxable income.

You will need to sign a log indicating that you have received the compensation once the gift card is sent to you.

There are no anticipated costs to participate in the research study.

Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?

The project's research records may be reviewed by departments at Purdue University responsible for regulatory and research oversight. This research study is funded by Purdue University Fort Wayne via the Faculty Start-up Funds.

All possible measures will be taken to keep the information about you and your participation confidential. Any identifiable information will be removed from the data once the data collection is completed. You will be assigned a code so no real name or identifiable information will be used in the following data analysis procedure.

The raw data (recordings) will be stored in the REED fold at Purdue University that only the principal investigator can access to. The data will be destroyed after three-year storage.

The research results will be disseminated in academic conferences and a peer-reviewed journal. No identifiable information will be included in any form of report, including but not limited to a poster presentation, a talk, a peer-reviewed paper, or any publications.

The data may be used in the future for teaching purposes, but no identifiable information will be included.

What are my rights if I take part in this study?

You do not have to participate in this research project. If you agree to participate, you may withdraw your participation at any time without penalty.

If you choose to withdraw from this study after the data has been collected, please inform the investigators using the contact information in this form. Your data will be excluded from this study once we have received your decision.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the study?

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this research project, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact:

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To report anonymously via Purdue's Hotline, see www.purdue.edu/hotline

If you have questions about your rights while taking part in the study or have concerns about the treatment of research participants, please call the Human Research Protection Program at (765) 494-5942, email (irb@purdue.edu), or write to: Human Research Protection Program - Purdue University Ernest C. Young Hall, Room 1010 155 S. Grant St. West Lafayette, IN 47907-2114. To report anonymously via Purdue's Hotline, see www.purdue.edu/hotline