

Informed Consent Form
Psychology 100
University of Maine at Presque Isle

This demonstration is conducted by the instructor as an opportunity for students participating in Psychology 100 to observe early child development. I understand that the purpose of this demonstration is to provide students with a better understanding of the development process in early childhood according to Piaget as discussed in class and the text. I understand that during the demonstration the instructor will ask to play with my child and have him/her complete tasks and that students may take notes about their observations. For example during the observation I understand that I may be asked for permission for interaction in the following ways with my child:

- Asking the child to reproduce pictures of shapes shown him/her
- Asking the child whether water poured between beakers of different shapes contains the same amount of water as before it was poured.
- Asking the child to insure equivalency of size or numbers by arranging blocks or pennies in equal lines.
- Asking the child to determine whether the two lines of objects contain the same number of objects.
- To anticipate and draw how properties of a solution change with rotation of the vessel it is contained in.

I understand that none of the interactions are designed to diagnose or assess any form of developmental problem and are only to demonstrate normal changes in cognitive development as theorized by Piaget and discussed in a class lecture and the text. No assessment, report or other such results will be done after the demonstration.

I voluntarily agree to allow myself and my child to be interviewed/observed for this purpose and that any information recorded will be done so anonymously and remain confidential.

I understand the demonstration will take approximately 25 minutes to complete and that I may choose at any time not to answer any questions asked by students or the instructor or to allow my child to participate. I understand that answering questions may invoke personal memories or that the child may become uncomfortable and that I have the right to end the demonstration at anytime. I understand that I am responsible for the safety of transporting the child to and from the classroom.

Any questions about this demonstration or its intent may be directed to John Harrington, Counseling Center, University of Maine at Presque Isle, 768-9589.

My signature below indicates I have read and understand the purpose of this assignment that I voluntarily choose and allow my child to participate and that I am at least 18 years of age, and that I have had the purpose of the observation explained and I have had my questions answered prior to signing this informed consent.

Participant Signature

Date

I have provided this consent in writing and have explained to _____ the nature, purpose and risks of the interview as described above. I have asked if any questions have arisen regarding the assignment and have answered them to the best of my ability.

Instructor's Signature

Date