

Strengths in Military Families

Study Information

What is the Purpose of the Study?

The purpose of this study is to explore the developmental assets, or personal and social strengths, of children from military families. The study will also seek to understand how those developmental assets are related to educational functioning, including academic confidence, school engagement, and social-emotional functioning.

What Will My Family Be Asked to Do?

You and your partner will be asked to independently complete a questionnaire regarding your and your child's behaviour and emotional state. If your child is over 8 years old, they will also be asked to complete an independent questionnaire. This study will be completed entirely online and should take no longer than 45 minutes per person.

At the end of the study, you will be asked if you would be interested in participating in additional or follow-up studies. If you are willing to participate, you will be asked to provide your name, phone number, and email address. Your contact information will not be connected to your original survey responses and will only be used by the researchers to contact you for further studies. Participation in additional studies is completely voluntary and will not impact your eligibility for the prize draw.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you may refuse to participate at any time if you feel uncomfortable continuing with the study. You may withdraw at any time without penalty or explanation.

What Type of Personal Information Will Be Collected?

No personal identifying information will be collected in this study, and all participants shall remain anonymous. Should you agree to participate, you will be asked to provide your gender, age, birthdate, ethnicity, military status (if applicable), and family characteristics (e.g., number of children, ages).

Are there Risks or Benefits if I Participate?

Your answers will be important in identifying strengths within military families. Your responses will be invaluable for program design and implementation in the future. As some questions will ask personal questions about levels of stress, there is a possibility that you may feel uncomfortable or distressed during the study. You will be free to withdraw at any time should you feel distressed. At the end of the survey, contact information is provided for free distress and crisis hotlines.

As a thank you for participating in the study, you will have the option to enter a draw to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards. In order to be considered for this draw, you will need to provide your email address so you can be contacted in the event you are a winner.

What Happens to the Information I Provide?

To protect your privacy, no names or identifying data will be attached to the questionnaires. Only the investigators will have access to the data collected for this study. The online data will be downloaded and stored in a locked filing cabinet and will be retained indefinitely for possible future use. Data will be put into a database and only group information will be summarized for presentation or publication of results. You are free to discontinue participation at any time during the study. If you choose to withdraw from the study, all data collected up to the point will not be included in data analysis.

The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study.

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