



Wash U. survey: talking about race with children

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Dear U. City Elementary Schools Families,

In partnership with Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL), you and your child are invited to participate in a research study on how parents talk to their children about racial differences. The research project is aligned with our district's focus on racial equity.

The researchers are interested in learning more about the types of strategies that parents use in having these conversations and the impact on children's playmate preferences and decision-making. They are inviting all K-5 grade students and their families to complete online surveys.

Later, interested families will participate in a focus group to talk more about the messaging and strategies used when talking about important topics with your child. Children will complete tasks with the help from a researcher at the university. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, children will complete tasks online or in-person. Parent surveys will take 30 minutes to 45 minutes to complete.

Your responses will help researchers better understand how parents talk to their children about racial differences. You can take the survey on your cell phone or computer/tablet at https://wustl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dhV8cRdVJZkv7uJ. The Password to enter the survey is **RS082RM**.

If you have any questions, please contact Drs. Sheretta Butler-Barnes, sbarnes22@wustl.edu, 314-935-8318 and/or Lori Markson, markson@wustl.edu, 314-935-3482. Dr. Butler-Barnes is an associate professor in the Brown School of Social

Work and Dr. Markson is an associate professor in WUSTL's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. They are excited about working with you and appreciate your support!

In Service of Our Children,

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