



Equitable Screening to Support Youth

Study Information Sheet

Our team of researchers is developing a screener that assesses multiple areas of student functioning and contextual factors believed to impact a student's functioning in school. To do this, we are looking to recruit 3-5th grade teachers to complete the Equitable Screening to Support Youth (ESSY) Whole Child Screener for 6-8 randomly-selected students in their classroom.

About the Study

- **What is the ESSY Whole Child Screener?** It's a screener designed to assess 6 domains of student functioning (academic performance, social skills, emotional well-being, behavior, physical health, attendance) and 3 contextual factors (school inclusion and belonging, social support outside of school, access to material needs) affecting a student's school life. Teachers will rate the areas as strengths or concerns for each student.
- **Information Collected:** Teachers will complete the ESSY online at a time that is convenient for them. They will also provide basic information about themselves (e.g., teaching certification, years of experience) and the students being rated (e.g., grade, race/ethnicity, special education status, primary language spoken). We will ask for the student's first and last initial at the outset but will replace this information with a code once the data are collected. **We are interested in understanding how the measure works across students as opposed to looking at the ratings of any one teacher or student.**
- **Repeat Assessment:** A subset of the participating teachers will be randomly selected and asked to repeat the ESSY for the same students after one month.
- **Caregivers:** We'll ask teachers to send a Caregiver Recruitment Flyer to the families of the selected students. Selected caregivers will be asked to complete the ESSY for their own child.

Participant Criteria:

- **Teachers:** Must be the primary classroom teacher in any grade 3-5 classroom and able to read and write in English.
- **Caregivers:** Must have a child in one of the participating grade 3-5 classrooms and be able to read and write in English.



Compensation

- **Teachers** will receive a \$96 Amazon gift card as soon as they complete the study. Those who are selected and complete the measure on a second occasion will receive an additional \$50 gift card. Teachers who are willing to participate in an optional, post-survey interview will receive an additional \$25 gift card.
- **Caregivers** who are selected and complete the measure will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any additional questions about this study, please feel free to contact Dr. Sandra Chafouleas, at Sandra.chafouleas@uconn.edu.