

**Devereux “Chat & Chew”
Thursday, March 22, 2018
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Informed Consent to Participate

Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are an extremely important part of your child’s treatment and success and we want to learn what we can do at Devereux to support you. We are hosting a “Chat & Chew” and inviting parents and caregivers like you to participate so you can tell us what you need for your family to succeed during and after treatment. We will provide dinner and pay for any transportation costs to participate.

What we will ask you to do?

If you decide to participate, you will meet at our program in West Chester with 6-8 other parents whose child is in a Devereux program or has been in a Devereux program in the past. Two “Chat & Chew” leaders will ask you and the other parents some questions in a group setting. Some of the questions that they may ask are:

- What can we do to make it easier for you to participate in your child’s treatment?
- If you had a magic wand, what would you ask for to help you and your child while receiving services at Devereux?
- What could we have done better to support you during treatment?
- What can we do better to support you after you’ve received our services?

You will be talking about questions like these in a group. We will be recording the conversation (no video - only audio recording) so that we can go back and listen to it to make sure that we heard all of your suggestions.

Risks and Benefits.

By expressing your honest opinions and experiences, you have an opportunity to directly impact the care that Devereux provides to current and future families. If you feel uncomfortable sharing information with other people at any point during the discussion, you do not have to answer, and there will be no penalty in any way. We will ask everyone participating to keep the information shared in the group confidential.

How can being part of this study help you or your child or individual in your care?

- You or your child or individual in your care may or may not receive any direct benefit from you participating in this event. However, agreeing to participate may be helpful to make Devereux’s services better for other youth and their families in the future.

How will we keep your information private?

We will not be able to prevent other parents and caregivers who are participating from sharing information. However, anything that we record will not have any identifiable information other than your individual voice and

any names that you may mention. We will keep the recordings in a locked cabinet in our National office, which is a secure building. All of the recordings will be destroyed after we write down your ideas from the conversation. Names or any identifiable information will not be written down.

Do you or your child or individual in your care get anything for participating?

As a thank you for participating, you will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card. There will also be a shared meal with the group, provided by Devereux.

It is your choice to be part of this study.

Participating in this event is your choice. If you do not want to participate, there will be no penalty to you, your child or any services you may be receiving. You are also able to stop participation at any time, even after the discussion has started. No one will make you finish or continue.

Contact Information:

Thank you for taking the time to think about this. If you have questions about this that you want answered before you decide whether to participate, please contact:

Consent*

___ I agree to participate and allow you to tape record my voice in the “Chat & Chew”.

___ I do not agree to participate and allow you to tape record my voice in the “Chat & Chew”.

I have been given a copy of this form. My signature below shows that I have read and understand this agreement, and all my questions have been answered.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Signature of Devereux staff obtaining consent: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of Devereux Staff obtaining consent: _____

*If you forget to bring this with you, we will have copies available at the “Chat & Chew.”