



**HOWARD  
UNIVERSITY**

**School of Education**

Department of Human Development  
and Psychoeducational Studies

Dear teacher education student,

My name is Celeste Malone and I am an assistant professor in the Howard University school psychology program. I am conducting a study on preservice teachers' knowledge of children's mental health concerns. You were identified as a potential participant for this study through your enrollment in a CAEP accredited teacher education program. Participation in this study will involve completing a questionnaire about your knowledge of children's mental health concerns, the extent to which these topics were addressed in your coursework, and your beliefs about the school's role in supporting children's mental health needs along with a brief demographics questionnaire. Completion of these measures should take no more than 30 minutes. In order to participate, you must be enrolled in a teacher education program (undergraduate, graduate, or certificate).

General demographic information will be used only to describe the sample as a group. You do not have to answer any question you do not wish to answer. The identity of participants cannot and will not be traced, therefore, all responses will be anonymous and confidential. You are free to withdraw your consent to participate and may discontinue your participation in the study at any time without affecting your relationship or your teacher education program's relationship with Howard University or Howard University Hospital.

You will receive no direct benefit from your participation in the study. I anticipate minimal psychological risks and personal time inconvenience. To maintain confidentiality, your individual response will be pooled with group results. Additionally, there is no personally identifying information (e.g., name) attached to the questionnaire. Data will be stored on the SurveyGizmo's secure website and, once exported, on a password protected USB thumb drive. In addition to me as the primary investigator, the Howard University Institutional Review Board will have access to the survey data.

Your participation is very important and may expand existing knowledge in the field as well as have implications for the education and training of teachers and the school-based mental health professionals with whom they work. If you would like to participate, please use this link to complete the survey:  
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2558727/Children-s-Mental-Health-Concerns>.

If you have any questions about this research, you may contact Celeste Malone at [celeste.malone@howard.edu](mailto:celeste.malone@howard.edu). If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant that you would like to discuss with someone other than the investigator on this project, you are free to contact the Howard University Institutional Review Board at 202-865-8597 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This study has been approved by the Howard University Institutional Review Board: Protocol IRB-16-ED-21.

Sincerely,

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