



*Modesto Junior College
Child Development Program
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Semester _____

Dear Parent,

The student presenting this letter is enrolled in Modesto Junior College's Child Development course, Observation and Assessment and has a clear TB test. As part of the course activities, the student is asked to choose a child to practice the skills necessary to complete the course and accomplish the course objectives. The student has chosen your child to practice these skills. Please sign at the bottom that you have read this letter and agree to allow your child to be observed. By agreeing to allow the student to practice the skills of observation, screening, and assessment, you agree that your child will be available for the hours required to complete the various assignments. You or your child's teacher will be present during each interaction. Some of the questions are by "Parent Report" and the student will let you know which ones those are.

To prepare for the activity, please choose a time when your child is at their best: after a good sleeping period, after a good healthy meal, and during non-stressful times. Times that are not good for children are around meal times, around nap times, and in late afternoon/early evening. Please provide a distraction free environment, which means turning off the television, turning your cell phone on silence, and if possible, limit the number of people entering and leaving the room.

At the end of each activity, please do not ask the student how your child performed. Remember, the student is developing the skills of observation and assessment. Students have been instructed to respond to all questions in the following manner: "I am a student learning the skills of observation and assessment. It would be inappropriate an unprofessional for me to respond to your questions, as I am still learning. If you have any questions about your child's performance or development, please contact my instructor. You may contact her at 209 575-6500 box 8301.

During this process, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. At the conclusion of the course, the student will prepare a summary of their observations and this will be presented to you.

Thank you in advance for supporting the student completing their coursework for a career in Child Development and assisting them in reaching their educational goals.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions.

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