

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name), understand that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child asked to be in a study run by University of Scranton students and faculty (Dr. Erin Dunleavy). We want to answer the question:

*Can a Power Card help improve social skills for children with autism and other disabilities?*

I agree that the child is 8-18 years old with ASD or another developmental disability and has a need for social interaction. I understand the researchers want to see whether the Power Card Strategy is a useful tool to improve social skills in children like mine. I understand that I will be asked to help the child fill out a form about what they like. I understand that in each session, the child will play board games with others who are like my own. Sessions will take place in the labs in Edward Leahy Hall. As the parent/legal guardian, I can watch these sessions. The sessions will take place twice a week for one hour each and will run from January through May of 2023. I agree that my child can come to the program each week. I understand that these sessions will only be recorded for the researchers to watch. These recordings will be destroyed no later than three years after the last session. All the children's information will be kept safe and private, and I agree not to talk about the other children in this group.

I understand that it is optional for my child to be in this group, and they can stop coming at any time. I understand that if I do not want my child's information studied, they can still play but the sessions will be recorded. If my child is just playing and not actively in the study, they can also stop coming at any time. Being a member of this group does not put my child at any increased risk. This study may have benefits for my child's social skills. If I choose to remove the child from this study, they can still play in the CASTLE games group each week.

If there are any more questions, contact Dr. Erin Dunleavy by phone at (570) 941-7000 ext. 6 or by email at erin.dunleavy2@scranton.edu. If there are any concerns regarding the child's rights as a participant, contact Kate Yerkes, IRB Administrator, at kathryn.yerkes@scranton.edu, or to the IRB Committee Chair, Dr. Bryan Burnham, at bryan.burnham@scranton.edu.

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(Print Participant's name)

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(Parent/Legal Guardian Signature)

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(Date)

