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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Who will be supervising my child?*

Children will be directly served by a junior or senior level UMHB student teacher majoring in Education. The student teacher will be enrolled in one or both courses taught by Dr. Kris Ward: Low Incidence Disabilities and/or Behavior Interventions and Modifications. A faculty member or graduate assistant trained in the education of students of disabilities will be available during all sessions.

### *Will my child ever be physically restrained?*

Children will not be physically restrained during a typical SNL session. If your child becomes agitated and safety is a concern, all other participants in the room will be removed and you will be called to the room. A faculty member or graduate assistant will remain in the room to protect the child until you are present. Children with repeated behavioral concerns that disrupt services for other participants may have to discontinue participation in the program.

### *Will I be allowed to participate in the services provided to my child?*

You will actively participate in developing SNL goals for your child. In order for your child to fully focus during the SNL sessions, we ask that you remain outside the session room in the Parker Academic Center's nearby lobby, so you can be easily located if you are needed during a session. You may also view your child's session through a two-way mirror in an adjacent room, provided the room is not in use.

### *Will my child participate in any research?*

All research at UMHB is conducted in an ethical manner, using prescribed methods with an oversight research committee (UMHB's Institutional Review Board or IRB). With your written permission, your child's data may be used anonymously for general research purposes. General research includes research conducted with many/all of the participants regarding generalization of skills and use of curriculum. Consent forms are included in the application packet.

Specific research with selected participants will not be conducted without your specific written consent on a separate form providing details about the research project.

### *Will my child be video recorded?*

With your written permission, we will video your child's sessions for educational purposes in the classroom setting or at professional conferences related to the field of education, to illustrate good teaching practices and opportunities for student improvement. Videos will not be distributed or transmitted electronically, including over social media, and videos will be stored in a secure manner by the Program Director. A video authorization form is included in the application packet.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions Continued**

### *How will information about my child be used?*

Data will be collected on a regular basis regarding the progression of your child and will be used for educational purposes only. This data will be provided to you periodically during scheduled meetings. Because this data is collected by students during their educational experience, you should not rely on this information or any analysis of it to assist in decisions such as diagnostic or ARD placement.

### *Will anyone from UMHB attend ARD meetings at my child's school?*

No. UMHB students are not permitted to attend ARD meetings on behalf of the participants. Parents/caregivers may report to the ARD committee the child's participation and progress in the SNL program as they see necessary.

### *Will my child's sessions ever include field trips or other off-campus activities?*

No. All SNL services are provided to your child in the Parker Academic Center. If an unanticipated change occurs in the building/room of your child's session, you will be notified in advance or when you arrive.

### *How should my child be dressed for the SNL session?*

Clean, comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. We also ask that your child have good hygiene (i.e. bathed, hair shampooed, etc.).

### *What if my child has an accident in his/her pants?*

We ask that you bring a change of clothing to each session if your child should become incontinent. If this occurs during a session, you will be asked to the session room to assist the child. Only you or the person who accompanied your child to the session will be allowed to disrobe or change your child.

### *Should I bring my child to a SNL session if he or she is sick?*

No. If your child is running fever, has a cold, "pink eye", head lice or any other infectious condition, or if your child is not feeling well for any reason, please call us to cancel your appointment.