Friday, 10 February 2017

I am writing you to let you know about a research study that you have the option to take part in. The research study is being conducted by Monash University. I am contacting you because you are the mother of a preschool aged child within metropolitan Melbourne.

This study is being done to learn more about the lived experiences of mothers of preschool aged children. The reason we want to know more about this is so that we can gain a better understanding of the types of support mothers need.

Taking part in research is voluntary. You may choose not to take part. We are looking for people who want to take part in this research study and who are:
- The biological or adoptive mother of a preschool aged child but not of a child under the age of 12 months
- English speaking
- Living in Metropolitan Melbourne

If you decided to take part in the study, I will telephone you to schedule a 90 minute session at a time and place convenient to you. In this session, we will:
- Obtain your written consent to participate in the study
- Collect details of your age, relationship status and other demographic factors
- Complete three short written questionnaires
- Conduct a semi-structured interview where I will ask you questions about your experience of motherhood

I have included an information sheet which explains the research study in detail. There is no cost to participate in the study and you will not be compensated for your time.

This study has been approved by the Monash University Human Ethics Committee and the confidentiality of all participants is assured.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions as you read over this material. If you would like to participate in the study, please call/text Lauren Wills on 0415 878 404 or email at lacoe2@student.monash.edu.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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