

The COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ) & KIDSBRIDGE TOLERANCE CENTER
Parental Permission Form for COLLEGE STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Kidsbridge is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing imaginative, hands-on programs that focus on bullying prevention, diversity appreciation and respect for all persons. Empathy, empowerment and pro-social skills are also addressed. Your child will be participating in a Kidsbridge program – either on a class trip to the Kidsbridge Tolerance Center OR when Kidsbridge brings the program to your child’s classroom or group’s facility. We’d like your child to participate in a project by taking a pre- and a post-program survey.

The goals for students participating Kidsbridge Tolerance Center and Mobile Outreach Programs are:

1. To learn about bullying prevention strategies and how best to process stereotypes and bias.
2. To achieve greater understanding and respect for one’s self and others through an interactive and experiential process.
3. To develop necessary skills to increase diversity appreciation in light of rising prejudice and discrimination.

College Student Research Projects

The objectives will be measured by trained undergraduate students from the CSDL / Children’s Social Development Laboratory in the Psychology Department—directed by Dr. James Graham, TCNJ Professor of Psychology (Child Development). Kidsbridge would like all participating students to answer questions in an attitudinal survey before and after their visit. Each survey takes about 10 minutes. The college students will administer all surveys and supervise all procedures in a group setting with the classroom teacher, Kidsbridge staff, and college students.

There are no known risks for participating in the project; however, you and your child may feel free to withdraw from the survey at any time without penalty. The results of this ongoing project will continue to provide important information regarding the impact of the Kidsbridge experience on children’s empathy, attitudes and pro-social behavior.

Each child’s information will be assigned a code number instead of a name, and only the members from the CSDL will have access to the data. All data collected will be used for statistical or scientific purposes only. Your child’s name will in no way be identified if a publication results from this project. Contact Kidsbridge Executive Director Lynne Azarchi at lynne@kidsbridgecenter.org or Dr. James Graham at TCNJ (609-771-2638) with any additional questions about this project.

Authorization: I have read this form and I allow *(name of child)* _____
to participate in the project described above.

My signature also indicates that I have received a copy of this permission form.

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Signature of parent/guardian Date Printed name of parent/guardian