



## Consent form for participation in research

### **Research title:**

### **Web Interactive Ranking of Development and Features of Young Children**

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You are invited to participate in this study by documenting your child's development and unique characteristics. The purpose of the study is to develop a tool for crowd-based ranking of heterogeneous behavioral profiles.

According to research ethics guidelines all research participants must give their consent before participating the study. Please read the details of the study to make sure you understand the essence of the study and what participation requires. By entering the system you certify that you have read and understood the information in the consent form and you give your consent to the following procedures.

### **Research procedure**

After completing a few background questions, you'll be asked to choose at least one child you care for. For each child you'll be asked to write short sentences ('snippets') that describe his/her features, indicate the date they occurred or add as a timeless attribute. You can choose to enter tips describing things that work for a certain feature of that child. You will also be asked to select applicable snippets from a list of suggested snippets describing other children and if applicable to determine at which time point they are relevant for your child. As more users enter their children and add more snippets, the system will pose you with new lists of snippets to choose from. Hence, entering the system multiple times is crucial for understanding your child's unique profile.

### **Risks and discomforts**

In this research you'll be asked to share developmental, medical, and behavioral information about your child/children. However, entering identifying details of your child is not permitted in this research. You will be asked to choose a pseudo name for your child. Age, gender, and birth weight will be requested. All shared data will be stored in a secured system, as described in the confidentiality paragraph below.

### **Benefits**

Practically, you will be able to view statistical information about the snippets you chose such as their age distribution. You will also be able to see which features were rated as together with the features you described. Most importantly you will have access to viewing parenting tips given for similar snippets and can send a private message about them to other users. Scientifically, your insight as a parent can contribute to a crowd-based mapping of the nuances of child development. Note that our website does not aim to



diagnose your child and should not be considered instead of professional consultation.

### **Confidentiality**

The information you'll provide about your child will not include names or other identifying details. Accounts that are identified as violating privacy rules will be closed. The system itself will be secured so that your data cannot be accessed by other users. Only your snippets will be presented to others. Your email address will not be shared with other users. Moreover, the data will be used for research purposes only and no information will be transferred to third party. All publications will be in aggregated form and will not include your personal details.

### **Voluntary participation**

You may choose whether you agree or disagree to participate in this research. If you choose to participate, you may stop participating at any time. If you choose to stop your participation your account will be closed.

### **Questions**

Please read this consent form thoroughly before you agree to participate in the research. If you want further information before you enter the system or if you have questions about this research and your rights in it, please contact Dr. Ayelet Ben-Sasson (phone: 04-8288388; [babycroinc@gmail.com](mailto:babycroinc@gmail.com)). In addition, you may contact s representative of University of Haifa ethics committee. Research Authority, Mount Carmel, Haifa 31905, Israel, Phone: 04-8240622/5 Fax: 04- 8249865, E-mail: [resauth@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:resauth@univ.haifa.ac.il)

### **Confirmation:**

I agree to participate in the research described above. The purpose of the research, the research demands and the risks were clarified to me. By entering the system I confirm that I agree to this consent form.