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## **EARLY LEARNING READINESS PROGRAM: EVALUATION INFORMATION**

As a leading nonprofit for strengthening community through youth development, the Y focuses on Early Learning Readiness (ELR) to help children develop and learn new social-emotional and cognitive skills so they are ready for school. The program is for children up to five years old and the family members, friends, or neighbors who care for them. By evaluating ELR, the Y can improve the program for children and caregivers.

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### **WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?**

The ELR program provides fun opportunities for children and caregivers of all walks of life to learn together through group and individual activities, including opening and closing circle times with songs and books, and 13 learning centers that children explore and caregivers participate with them in play, ask them questions, suggest ideas for play, and more. Y staff partner with caregivers to discover ways children learn through play and active engagement.

### **WHAT EVALUATION DATA WILL BE COLLECTED?**

For evaluation purposes, we ask your permission to:

- **Collect demographic information on your child:** We would like to learn more about the children our ELR program serves and how it is benefiting them. You will be asked to provide information such as your child's age, sex, language, country of birth, and racial/ethnic background on a demographics form; fill out only the information you feel comfortable providing.
- **Track your child's attendance in this program:** We want to know how often your child comes to the ELR program to better understand how program attendance affects your child's experience in the program.
- **Observe your child participating in the program:** Twice this year, we will ask caregivers to complete two versions of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) for your child. The ASQ-3 is a tool that asks about children's development, and the ASQ-SE asks about social-emotional growth. These questionnaires help identify strengths your child has, as well as areas for further development. It can also help caregivers and parents learn about child development and activities to help children develop key skills to help prepare them for school. Caregivers will also complete two surveys to report any changes they've seen in children and to provide program feedback.

If you choose to participate in the evaluation, we will protect your and your child's information. We will not use your child's name in any report. Individual responses will not be made public.

### **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

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