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All information collected about children, families, and caregivers in the study will be kept private to the fullest extent allowed by law. The names of children, family members, caretakers, and educators will never appear in any reports or study findings. All members of the ELS@H team are trained to keep all data confidential and secure.

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Early Learning Study at Harvard (ELS@H)

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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What is ELS@H about?

We want to see all children in Massachusetts have a great start in school! To achieve that, we need to know more about where children spend their time before entering kindergarten and how that affects their future success.

Help us learn about the growth and development of young children all across Massachusetts!

We know children in Massachusetts spend their time in a wide variety of places—for example, at home, with relatives or neighbors, in Head Start, or in other preschools and community programs. In this study, researchers at Harvard University want to find out more about how the different types of places where young children spend time are related to how they learn and grow.



How will the information collected during ELS@H be used?

The information from ELS@H will help our state leaders, educators, and caregivers make decisions on how to provide the best start for all of our young children.

Key ELS@H Activities

ELS@H will include a group of 3- and 4-year-old children beginning in fall 2017 for at least three years.

- **Children's** early learning skills will be measured up to twice per year.
- **Caregivers** will be observed once per year.
- **Parents/Guardians** may be asked to fill out some short surveys.

How are ELS@H participants selected?

ELS@H will include about 5,000 households with 3- and 4-year-olds from across Massachusetts. We want to feel confident that the children in this study are like all of the 3- and 4-year-old children in the state. To do so, the ELS@H team picked over 150 Massachusetts communities by chance, and we are trying to reach every household with young children in these communities to talk about being part of the study. Participation is voluntary, although we hope that all households will participate.

Who do I contact with questions?

Just call or email the ELS@H team for more information!

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