

Dear Member Psychologists,

As part of a doctoral research project, I am writing to solicit School Psychologists who work in rural settings to participate in an online Community of Practice. The purpose of this group would be to discuss clinical issues as they relate to rural school psychology. Participants are required to work or have worked in a rural area in Saskatchewan, and have either been trained as a School Psychologist, or are working as a School Psychologist.

This discussion group will be hosted on Facebook, and as such, anonymity and confidentiality cannot be assured within the platform. The group will be closed, only allowing for practicing psychologists to participate, and will be moderated by myself. The discussions will focus on clinical issues in a general sense, such as new research, regulatory matters, professional development opportunities or resources. Clinical vignettes would not be appropriate for this forum given privacy concerns, however discussion on intervention techniques could happen. It will further assist in members to make connections with other practitioners and build professional networks. The discussions on the platform may be summarized as part of the research project.

This project has been approved on ethical grounds by the University of Regina Research Ethics Board (REB 2017-213) on December 18, 2017. Any questions regarding your rights as a participant may be addressed to the committee at (306-585-4775 or research.ethics@uregina.ca). Out of town participants may call collect. This project is supervised by Dr. Laurie Carlson Berg (laurie.carlson.berg@uregina.ca) and Joel Thibeault (joel.thibeault@uregina.ca) within the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina. This research is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

If you are interested to join, please go to the following URL (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/707103409633778/>). You will be asked a series of questions, as well as complete a consent form when you first ask to join.

Thank you, and if you are interested in more information regarding this study, please contact me at conor.barker@uregina.ca

Kind Regards,

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