

First, thank you for your time and attention to this request. My name is Brittany Ratliff and I am a speech-language pathology student at East Tennessee State University. I am completing a master's thesis as a capstone project under the supervision of Dr. Brenda Louw and Dr. Kerry Proctor-Williams. I invite you to take a survey about the presence of children who are known or suspected to have a history of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) on school-based SLP caseloads. The purposes of this study are: (1) to determine if SLPs in the school system have known and suspected children with NAS on their caseloads, and (2) to examine SLPs' experiences about the presentation of communication and any comorbid disorders in this population. We feel that school-based SLPs are in a position to provide a unique perspective on this population. With RTI, children on SLPs' caseloads tend to have more severe communication disorders and include many children with comorbid neurodevelopmental disorders.

This questionnaire is intended for master's and doctoral level, ASHA certified, school-based SLPs working in the United States. The procedures, which will involve you as a research subject, include completing this survey that will take approximately 15 minutes of your time. Participation in this research is voluntary. You may refuse to participate. You may stop at any time. If you stop or decline to participate, there will be no consequences. For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me, Brittany Ratliff, at ratliffbv@etsu.edu. You may also contact my supervisors, Dr. Louw (louwbl@etsu.edu) and Dr. Proctor-Williams (williamk@etsu.edu) regarding this project. This research has been approved by the IRB of East Tennessee State University. You may contact the ETSU Institutional Review Board at (423) 439-6054 for any questions you may have about your rights as a research subject.

By completing this survey, you have acknowledged that you have read this information and have agreed to participate.

Please connect to the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCDCNASSSLPC>

Thank you for your time!

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