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St.Amant, a non-profit organization in Manitoba is a resource for children and adults with developmental disabilities or autism. St.Amant has engaged PRA Inc. (Prairie Research Associates), an independent research company, to conduct a study of the unmet needs of people in the francophone community who access health and social services related to developmental disabilities. This project is funded by Health Canada, and information will be gathered primarily through interviews with key informants in Winnipeg and rural communities. We will also conduct a focus group with participants from these communities.



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We are seeking your participation in this focus group which will take place on September 1, 2011 at 6 p.m. The discussion will last between 60 and 90 minutes. You have the choice to participate in the focus group either in person, at PRA's facility in Winnipeg, or by phone. If you choose to participate over the phone, PRA will provide a phone number and an access code to use to log in, and you will be connected to the boardroom where the participants will meet. If you participate in the focus group in person, refreshments will be made available.

A \$50 incentive will be given to all focus group participants.¹ Your participation will be extremely valuable in helping us gain insight to better meet the needs of the francophone community in Manitoba.

Should you agree to participate, your responses will be kept confidential and, although your responses will be used in a report, the information will be grouped together and no individual or organization's responses will be identifiable. Your participation is voluntary.

If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact André Poudrier at 1-866-422-8468 or poudrier@pra.ca, or Aboubacar Condé at 1-204-256-4301, ext. 2474 or aconde@stamant.mb.ca.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



¹ The number of focus group participants is limited to eight persons. St. Amant will limit the number of persons participating in the focus group.

