PARENT-CHILD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PCAP)
University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Any research involvement of foster parents will require a signed release from the DCYF social worker prior to contact by the research team.*

Script for initial contact of guardians of the target child by the research team

"Hello my name is _____ and I work for the University of Washington Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) study. (social worker's name) gave us your name as the legal guardian of (TC name) and told us how to contact you about our study. Do you have a few minutes?

We are doing a study to learn how 3 years of help from a case manager helps mothers and their children become healthy, and what kinds of services are useful to them. I am calling to ask you if you would be willing to talk to me for about 10 minutes for our study. May I give you some information to help you decide if you want to be in the study?"

If the legal guardian says yes:

"I would like to ask you questions about (TC name) health and childcare. The questions take about 10 minutes. Study participation is voluntary. All study information is confidential. If you would like to take part, I would explain the study, and ask you the study questions. I can ask you the questions over the phone or via Zoom video.

Do you have any questions? I appreciate you taking time to talk with me."

If the legal guardian says no:
"I understand. Thank you for your time."

*In some cases at exit the TC guardian is not a foster parent and there is no state involvement in the child's life; the TC is temporarily living with a relative or friend while the client/mom is missing, or otherwise unable to answer the ASI TC questions. In these cases use this script but change the first paragraph to say:

"Hello my name is _____ and I work for the University of Washington Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) study. (Client name or case manager's name) gave us your name as the caregiver of (TC name), and told us how to contact you about our study. Do you have a few minutes?