



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

VOCHIC Parent Panel Survey Survey Investigator Opportunity

What is the VOCHIC Parent Panel Survey?

The VOCHIC Parent Panel Survey is a shared survey research platform at Lurie Children's with the goal of advancing our understanding of child and adolescent health issues in Chicago. Members of the panel are parents, guardians, step-parents or foster parents of at least one child under 18 years old living in the household. Panel members are recruited from all 77 community areas in Chicago and do not necessarily have children who receive care at Lurie Children's. Surveys are administered to the panel three times per year in collaboration with our survey vendor, NORC at the University of Chicago. Our goal is to have approximately 1,000 parent respondents for each survey administration, although the exact number of respondents will vary for each survey administration.

Principal investigators and Lurie teams can partner with VOCHIC to collect data from Chicago parents through this shared platform. The Parent Panel Survey is led by Matthew Davis, MD, MAPP and Marie Heffernan, PhD.

What is the Survey Investigator Opportunity?

Lurie Children's investigators or teams can apply to have a brief survey module (~5-7 questions) administered to the VOCHIC Parent Panel through the Survey Investigator Opportunity. Investigators are encouraged to use their survey module as a mechanism to collect data for peer reviewed manuscripts and/or collect pilot data for grant applications. Selected investigators or teams will work with the VOCHIC team to finalize survey design and question wording and will have their survey questions included on a future wave of the VOCHIC Parent Panel Survey at no cost to the investigator or team. The VOCHIC team will complete data analysis and all analyses will be population weighted.

When will data be collected and will data be available for analysis?

We anticipate the Wave 5 data collection period will be approximately April-June 2022. We expect to receive the final, weighted dataset from our survey vendor in late June/early July 2022.

How do I apply to be considered for the Survey Investigator Opportunity?

To apply, please email Marie Heffernan at mheffernan@luriechildrens.org to obtain the application form.

How will entries to the competition be evaluated?

Entries will be evaluated by the VOCHIC team based on the following:

- 1) Explanation of research topic and clarity of research question
- 2) Rationale for surveying the study population of Chicago parents
- 3) Quality of survey questions

How can I learn more?

For any additional questions or to learn more, please email Marie Heffernan, PhD, at mheffernan@luriechildrens.org.