RISE Center serves as an educational placement for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies within the College of Human Environmental Sciences and other colleges at The University of Alabama. Encouraging research, disseminating information to the early childhood education and special education community, and providing field experiences for university students are important to fulfilling our mission. As we work to fulfill these obligations, our children will periodically be included in students’ lesson implementations and research activities. They may occasionally be video recorded and/or have their pictures taken for academic, research, and/or other professional purposes, which are outlined below. Please be assured that your child will not be referred to by name in any published photos. This form will be placed in your child’s files in the office and classroom. University students participating in our program sign confidentiality agreements and agree to refrain from posting pictures or making any comments about the children on personal social media pages.

Children may be video recorded or photographed by the following entities for the purposes listed below.

- By University of Alabama photographers to feature in academic, professional, and campus publications
- By faculty in coursework lectures
- By faculty and teachers in academic presentations and publications
- By research teams for data purposes
  *Research participation is voluntary. All projects are IRB approved.
- By the University and CHES for television or college videos
- By RISE Center and CHES internet website and social media pages
- By teachers and staff to document program activities and fundraising events
- By teachers to include in child’s individual portfolios
- By teachers on our protected Brightwheel Communication System for families
- By students conducting observations (case study information)
- By students in their teacher preparation coursework
- By Teacher Candidates for their professional portfolios, including video portfolio submissions to the Alabama State Department of Education for the purpose of teacher certification *

- I understand that I am voluntarily and affirmatively consenting to the use of my child's image by the entities/persons and for the purposes listed above, both photographs and video recordings. I understand and consent to my child’s picture/images being used in the applications described above.

*Students seeking Early Childhood Education teaching certification from the Alabama State Department of Education are required to submit video clips of lessons as part of the edTPA assessment portfolio. These video clips cannot be edited in any way, therefore children may not be blurred nor may students cut the video to avoid a child’s appearance during the learning segment.