



# Public Summary Template for Your *Child Development* Article

Each author whose manuscript has been accepted for publication in *Child Development* is required to write a public summary that will be used by SRCD to decide on potential dissemination to the press. Authors will be contacted individually prior to any decisions about dissemination. **Please follow the outline below and do not exceed 500 words. Use accessible language, avoid references, and explain all scientific terms. Summaries should be uploaded to manuscript files through the editorial system; please do not submit by email.**

## PUBLIC SUMMARY OUTLINE

### I. Title and Author Information

- Title in lay language (*highlighting key study findings*)
- Names/affiliations of all authors
- Corresponding author contact information
- Funding information
- Institutional press contact
- Whether your institution is planning a press release
  - Yes
  - No
  - N/A

### II. Questions to Address in Your Summary *(one paragraph each)*

- A. What are the most important questions addressed in your paper, and why are they important? How did these questions emerge? Why is this research area important and what is already known about it?
- B. How did you address these questions? Explain your overall approach and include the measures used, number of participants, and participants' demographic characteristics.
- C. What are the major findings in your paper, and why are they important? Were the findings expected? Do these findings change our previous understanding of the topic? Please feel free to briefly note additional results of interest.
- D. What are the most important implications of the findings? Why should readers care about this study? Highlight implications for families, service providers, policy makers, and/or researchers. Please also note any limitations.