Dear Families,

We are excited to offer the LENA Grow® program in your child’s classroom! LENA Grow is a professional development program for teachers. It uses unique “talk-pedometer” technology to measure talk between adults and your child.

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| **Benefits For Your Child** | |
| Research shows that **back-and-forth talk** between adults and children supports **brain growth and development**. | LENA Grow helps children:   * Understand and use **new words.** * Experience **stronger relationships** with their teachers. * Use language instead of challenging behavior to **express feelings.** |

What does LENA Grow involve?

* Each LENA Day, your child wears a lightweight, child-safe, LENA device in cotton clothing. The device records the sounds of the classroom, including your child’s voice. Then, LENA software transforms the sound into graphs to show the amount of interaction your child experienced.
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  Description automatically generatedChildren and teachers complete one LENA Day weekly for five weeks. Then, teachers review the data and practice new strategies to increase interaction.

# **What about safety and privacy?**

* The LENA device is safe. It uses a low-power processor like a hearing aid and meets US and international safety standards for electronics and toys. It does not transmit a signal like cell phones.
* No one can listen to the recording. The LENA device cannot play back . The sound file is automatically deleted as soon as the graphs are made. No one can hear what was said or how it was said.

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Learn more:  
[info.lena.org/lena-grow-for-families](https://info.lena.org/lena-grow-for-families)

* LENA data is confidential. We take privacy very seriously. Your child’s information is only shared with <organization>, LENA and any affiliated professionals, who all comply with all laws regarding privacy and confidentiality.

If you have more questions about LENA Grow, contact: <insert org contact name, email, phone #>

# Thank you for participating!

In three days, your child will be automatically enrolled in LENA Grow as part of our ongoing teacher training. ***You do not need to return this form unless you want to opt OUT.***

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| **If you DO NOT want your child to participate** in the LENA Grow program please check the box below, sign, and **return within 3 days**.  ❐ **No**, my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **cannot participate** in the LENA Grow program. I understand other children in the room will be participating.  Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |