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My name is Jody Koenig Kellas and my colleague, Toni Morgan, and I are conducting a research study on family storytelling through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Communication Studies. The purpose of the study is to better understand the content and process of family storytelling in order to better understand how families connect, create a sense of family identity, socialize one another, and make sense of life through the practices of family storytelling. To participate, you must:

* Be 14 years or older (parents must participate with and provide parental consent for family members under 19 years of age).
* Be a member of a family (no fewer than three members, no more than eight members) who is willing to (a) complete questionnaires about you and your family, and (b) find a common time to gather (at your home or at UNL’s social interaction lab) to write about and tell family stories.

Participation should take about two hours total (30 minutes for survey completion and 90 minutes for the storytelling session).

If you would like to participate, please email me at jkellas2@unl.edu to receive information about the study and to sign up for a time to participate. **Each family will be paid $75 for its participation and receive a copy of the video recording of the family storytelling session as a keepsake**.

If you are a UNL student in a Communication Studies course, your instructor may be offering extra credit for participation in research studies. If this is the case, you may also earn extra credit for participating in this study. Per the research compensation policy of the Department of Communication Studies: Each study is worth a specific amount of research credits based on the estimated time of completion outlined in the informed consent statement and protocol. In the syllabus, the research credit compensation will clearly lay out the amount of course points for each credit. Instructors who require research participation credit or extra credit for participating in research, are required to offer non-research alternatives that take roughly the same amount of time and effort to complete. Thus, students can also earn credit by completing activities that do not require participating in research studies (e.g., attending research colloquium). **Student participants will receive 3 credits for participation in the current study**.