

Title of Research Study: TAMU Youth Program Study
Parent Consent to Participate

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Why is my child being asked to take part in this research study?

A research study is usually done to find a better way to help or treat people or to understand how things work. Your child is being asked to take part in this research study because we are trying to learn more about the impact of youth programs on middle school aged youth. Your child was selected as a possible participant in this study because s/he is involved in a youth program in the school or club.

Why is this study being done?

The research is designed to evaluation the effectiveness of the program curriculum and activities in your child's school or club.

How long will the research last?

The research will last from the beginning of your child's current program until three months after the end of the program.

What will my child be asked to do in this study, if my child agrees to participate in this study?

Your child will be asked to complete a survey at the beginning of the program, the end of the program, and three months after the program. Each survey takes less than 30 minutes to complete. The survey questions ask about your child's experience with the program and their perception of their own development during the program period.

What should I know about a research study?

Your child's participation in this research is completely up to you and your child. It is your choice whether to be in this research study. If you or your child decide you do not want to participate, no one will be upset and there will be no penalty. You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

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What other choices do my child and I have?

Instead of being in this research study, your child can still participate in the youth program as usual and not be contacted to complete any surveys related to the research project.

What happens if I say “Yes”, but I change my mind later?

This research is voluntary and you have the choice whether or not to allow your child be in this research study. Your child may decide to not begin or to stop participating at any time. If they choose not to be in this study or stop being in the study, there will be no effect on their right to receive any service at the youth program or their present or future status with Texas A&M University.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You can decide not to participate in this research and it will not be held against you. You can leave the study at any time.

Is there any way being in this study could harm me?

There are no sensitive questions in this survey that should cause discomfort. However, you can skip any question you do not wish to answer, or exit the survey at any point.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

I will take steps to limit the use of your personal information, including research study records, to only the people who have a need to see this information. I cannot promise complete secrecy.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, about the research, talk to the research team at (979) 845-1023 or dlocke@ag.tamu.edu

For questions about your child's rights as a research participant; or if you have questions, complaints, or concerns about the research, you may call the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program office 979-458-4067 or irb@tamu.edu

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The procedures, risks, and benefits of this study have been told to me and I agree to allow my child to be in this study. My questions have been answered. I may ask more questions whenever I want. I do not give up any of my child's or my legal rights by signing this form. A copy of this consent form will be given to me.

Child's Name -----

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____