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Research Information Letter and Opt Out Option

Research Project Title: Youth Prevention Survey

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Introduction: This study involves your teen doing a short survey at school about youth beliefs, knowledge, and attitudes regarding sexual activity, drug, and alcohol use among their peers. Information from this study will be used to support development of programs to teach youth about making healthy decisions about sexuality and preventing high-risk behaviours. The results will also be shared with policy makers, at professional development sessions, conferences, and in peer-reviewed journals.

Method: The online survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. All research assistants involved in this project will comply with the University of Alberta Standards for the protection of Human Research Participants and will sign a confidentiality agreement. All reporting of the results of the research will be in “aggregate form” (e.g., average ratings, general trends, etc.). Also, this survey is **ANONYMOUS** – there will be no information anywhere on the survey that will identify your teen as a participant. All data will be stored on a password-protected computer and only accessed by the researchers or trained research assistants. The survey is being conducted through a program called ‘Survey Monkey’ and as such, data will be housed in the USA and therefore subject to US privacy laws such as the Patriot Act. This survey is designed to be consistent with much of the content covered by the Alberta Education Program of Studies in Health Education, and Career and Life Management. It will be run during class time from **May 27th to June 20th** in partnership with the school success coach and classroom teacher. All participants will be asked for assent at the beginning of the survey and will have the option to stop participation at any time during the survey with no consequences for choosing to do so.

For additional information please contact Dr. Jacqueline Pei at Jacqueline.pei@ualberta.ca or Alethea Heudes at aheudes@ualberta.ca

Should you prefer that your teen **NOT** participate in this study at all then please return this form by **May 26th** with your signature on the attached page:

The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines and approved by the REB 2 at the University of Alberta (Project Number **PRO00044491**). For questions regarding participant rights and ethical conduct of research contact the Research Ethics Office at (780) 492-2615.

I DO NOT consent to my teen participating in the above-mentioned Youth Prevention Survey.

Signature

Date

Thank you for your support!

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