Student Survey Consent Form

For Broward survey participants

NORC at the UNIVERSITY of CHICAGO

Fall 2014

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CDC's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships® Initiative

Evaluation of CDC's *Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships*® Initiative
Parental Consent for Student Participation:
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This study is being funded by CDC, which is part of the federal government. Therefore, the outcome data collected as part of this study will be made available to researchers without any personally identifying information. Other researchers may also examine whether the program worked and how certain things might be related to dating behaviors in teens. No information that could be used to identify your child will be released to these researchers. There would be no way for anyone else to know who was in the study or to know any information that might identify who is in the study.

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WHY DO YOU NEED TO INCLUDE MY CHILD'S SCHOOL RECORDS IN THIS STUDY?
Student surveys are an important part of our research. However, there are some research questions that can be better addressed through school records. For example, it might be difficult for your child to remember how many days of school he/she might have missed this past year. However, your child's school maintains very accurate records on issues such as attendance. With your permission, linking your child's survey results to his/her school records will improve the quality of our research. Overall, we want to study whether attendance at school, performance in school, and any disciplinary actions involving your child impacts the success of the program we are studying. If you decide to allow your child to participate in our study, below you will have a choice as to whether you will approve our research team conducting only a survey with your child or a survey and linking of that survey to school records on attendance, school grades, and any disciplinary actions. As with the survey data, school record data will be collected and used by our research team using carefully developed safeguards to protect the privacy, confidentiality and security of your child's school record data.

HOW WILL THE RESEARCHERS CONTACT MY CHILD TO DO THE NEXT SURVEY?
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HOW DO I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?
You give permission for your child to participate by checking the appropriate 'Yes' box and signing the form. If you do not give your permission for your child to participate, check the 'No' box. This consent will expire when your child completes the 12th grade. Once signed, return this form [to your child's school].

- ☐ **Yes, I agree to have my child participate in the surveys and consent to the release of the following information: name, home address, phone number, academic grades, attendance, and disciplinary records of my child to NORC for the purpose of conducting the study described above as the CDC's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships® Initiative.**

- ☐ **Yes, I agree to have my child participate in the surveys, but do not consent to the release of school education records of or information about my child.**

- ☐ **No, I do not give consent for my child to participate.**

Child Name (please print) Grade Level

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Parent Name/Legal Guardian (please print) Date

Eligible Student[1] Signature Date

Eligible Student Name Date

Parent Phone

Address

City State, Zip

Parent Email

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When your child completes middle school, NORC will review high school enrollment information. This information will help NORC to know where to contact your child to invite them to participate in the high school follow-up survey.

HOW DO I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?
If you agree to have your child participate, *you do not need to do anything*.[1] If you do NOT agree for your child to participate, you must fill out the information below and return the form to your child's school.

By signing this form, I am saying I *do not want* my child to participate.

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Child Name (please print) Grade Level

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Parent Signature Date

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Parent Name (please print) Date

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Parent Phone Parent Email

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Address

_____

City State Zip

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Child Name (please print) Grade Level

Parent Signature Date

Parent Name (please print) Date

Parent Phone Parent Email

Address

City State Zip

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For Oakland survey participants

Dear Parent:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting a research project. It is called "Evaluation of CDC's *Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships*® Initiative." Your child's school is implementing one of two teen dating violence prevention programs. The purpose of this study is to see how these programs work. We hope to conduct surveys with students before, during and after these programs to see how and if the programs work. Some students at each school have been randomly selected to fill out surveys. On behalf of CDC, NORC at the University of Chicago is inviting students to fill out surveys at the beginning and end of the school year in middle school. They will also be invited to fill out surveys once per year in high school or while high school age.

Your child does not have to participate. If s/he does participate, his/her information will be kept completely confidential, or private. **Please take a few moments to read the enclosed information statement.** We hope it will help you to understand what we will be doing and how. We hope you will be as excited about this project as other parents have been.

Sincerely,

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CDC's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships® Initiative

Evaluation of CDC's *Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships*® Initiative

Parental Consent for Student Participation: PARENT INFORMATION STATEMENT

RESEARCHERS' STATEMENT TO PARENTS

We are asking permission for your child to take part in an evaluation study at his/her school. This letter will give you information about the study so you can decide if you want your child to take part in the study. Please read the information carefully. You can call the number at the end of this letter to ask any questions you have about the research. When all of your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want your child to take part in the study.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?

Your child's school has is implementing one of two kinds of teen dating violence prevention. Your school is one of 12 schools in Oakland who is participating in this prevention initiative. The purpose of this research study is to see how these programs work. We hope to talk to teens before, during and after these programs to see how and if the programs work.

WHAT WILL THE SURVEY REQUIRE OF MY CHILD?

We will do surveys with students and teachers to help us find out if the programs are working. If you agree to let your child participate, he/she will complete a survey during school. We will do the surveys once in the fall and once in the spring of each school year. The survey will take about 60 minutes to complete. The students will mark their answers in a paper survey packet. **The survey is entirely voluntary and confidential.** Confidential means that you and the school cannot see your child's answers. Voluntary means that your child can decide not to do the survey. Your child can also skip questions that make him/her feel uncomfortable. We will also, with your permission, get some information from your child's school record, like grades, absences and discipline records. We will protect this information and keep it private also. No information from the survey or about your child's participation will be in their school records.

The survey asks your child about their attitudes and behaviors. It asks about their relationships with friends, parents, and dating partners, and their perceptions of relationships between others. Some questions ask about drugs and alcohol and sexual behaviors. Under a law called the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, [20 U.S.C. Section 1232 (c)(1)(A)], you have the right to see a copy of a blank survey and read all the questions. Copies of the survey will be at the school's office for you to read.

HOW WILL YOU PROTECT MY CHILD'S PRIVACY?

All answers that your child gives will be kept private. This is so because this study has been given a Certificate of Confidentiality. This means anything your child tells us will not have to be given out to anyone, even if a court orders us to do so, unless you and your child say it's okay. But under the law, we must report to the proper authorities suspected cases of child abuse or if your child tells us he or she is planning to cause serious harm to themselves or others. This means that if your child tells us verbally that he or she is planning to hurt themselves or someone else, or if your child tells us that someone, either an adult or child is hurting them, then we will have to tell someone so we can get help.

WHAT IS CDC'S DATING MATTERS: STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY TEEN DATING RELATIONSHIPS INITIATIVE?

Preventing teen dating violence means stopping it before it starts. To do this we have to make sure teens' first dating relationships are healthy ones. CDC's "Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Dating Relationships" initiative aims to promote respectful, nonviolent dating relationships among youth. We are doing this by involving youth, parents, schools and the community. Part of this initiative is focused on testing whether these prevention programs work.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS? WILL STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ANY STRESS OR DISCOMFORT?
The survey will be administered by a trained research interviewer from NORC at the University of Chicago. Our interviewers are experienced in working with youth. They will make every effort to provide a comfortable setting while your child completes his/her survey. We will make every effort to respect your child's privacy. Some questions ask about personal matters. Our interviewers are also trained to be aware of these concerns and will do their best to minimize any discomfort. Also, your child may decline to answer any question he/she does not want to answer.

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?
Students who do not take part in the survey will remain in the class during the student survey session. Other activities will be provided for non-participating students by the classroom teacher. Students will not be singled out because they did not take part at any time. Students whose parents have denied permission to participate in the evaluation study will still receive the teen dating violence prevention program but will not participate in the surveys.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE STUDY?
Although there may not be any direct benefits, your child may benefit indirectly by knowing he/she has made a contribution to research that will help others in the future.

OTHER INFORMATION
All the information your child gives as part of this study will be kept strictly confidential. Your child's survey will only be identifiable from a unique ID number. His/her name will not appear on the completed survey. Information collected will not become part of school records. No one at the school will see your child's responses. The results of this project will be only reported in ways that do not identify individual participants. We will withdraw your child's responses at any time point, should you make the request.

All questionnaires and records will be kept in locked files and will be retained for up to three years after the end of the study. Participants' personal information (name, birthdate, etc.) will be kept for up to three years. Only researchers on the NORC research team and CDC will ever have access to any personal data or other identifying information.

This study is being funded by CDC, which is part of the federal government. Therefore, the data collected as part of this study will be made available to researchers. Other researchers may also examine whether the program worked and how certain things might be related to dating behaviors in teens. No information that could be used to identify your child will be released to these researchers. There would be no way for anyone else to know who was in the study or to know any information that might identify who is in the study.

Participation in the study is completely voluntary. If you or your child decides to not participate or to withdraw from the study at any time, there will be no penalties or consequences. Please keep a copy of this information sheet for your records. If you have any questions about this study, you may contact NORC at 1-877-388-6369 or via e-mail at eval@norc.org. We are also willing to answer any questions or concerns that might arise after the survey. We will provide referral information if your son/daughter would asks us for assistance related to teen dating issues, bullying, or sexual harassment. You may also contact NORC's Institutional Review Board Office (NORC IRB Manager, toll-free at 1-866-309-0542). A description of this clinical trial will be available on *http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov*, as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will not include information that can identify you. At most, the Web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this Web site at any time. We look forward to working with your child. We do not anticipate any foreseeable risks to your child. We think that our research will be helpful in designing better intervention programs to improve teen dating relationships and to assist in creating a safer school environment for your child.

HOW WILL THE RESEARCHERS CONTACT MY CHILD TO DO THE NEXT SURVEY?

For most students they will fill out the next survey in their classroom next semester. However, if your child moves out of his/her current school within the same school district, we will forward the survey to the principal of your child's new school. We will collect the survey directly from your child via a postage-paid return envelope addressed to NORC. The completed survey will be returned to NORC using this envelope. The school will not collect, see or keep the survey. Also, if your child moves to another school district in another city we will send the survey package to your child's last known address. To contact your child if your child moves we will need to collect some information from your child that will help us stay in contact with your child if the above approaches dos not work. We will ask things like your child's address and phone number so we can send your child cards in the mail and call your child, and for some names and phone numbers of people who would know how to contact your child if he or she moves (such as a family member). We will keep all contact information totally private and separate from your child's survey and school record information. It's just so we can contact your child again.

HOW DO I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?
If you agree to have your child participate, you must sign below and return this form to your child's school.

By signing this form, I am saying I want my child to participate.

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Child Name (please print) Grade Level

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Parent Name (please print) Parent Signature Date

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Parent Phone Parent Email

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Address

_____
City State Zip

If you do NOT want your child to participate in the study, please fill out the information below, sign it, and return this form to your child's school.

By signing this form, I am saying I <u>do not</u> want my child to participate.

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Child Name (please print) Grade Level

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Parent Name (please print) Parent Signature Date

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Parent Phone Parent Email

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Address

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City State Zip