

NSDUH SOGI Youth Cognitive Interview Parental Permission and Informed Consent

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a large survey given to about 70,000 people across the country every year. RTI International conducts the NSDUH. It collects information on many health-related issues. Right now, we're testing some new questions about sexual orientation and gender identity to learn how well people understand these questions and how they might go about answering them. We are under contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to carry out this survey. You or your child responded to an advertisement that we placed for research subjects. At present, we are seeking the help of young people like your child to see how our new questions work.

Your child is one of approximately 34 adolescent respondents who are participating in this study. Taking part in the interview is strictly voluntary. Your child can skip any questions they do not wish to answer. There is no penalty if they choose to skip any part of the interview. All answers will be kept private and confidential. We will not share the information given to us with any person outside of necessary project staff, and your child's name will never be connected to the answers they provide. Federal law requires us to keep your child's answers confidential and to use their answers only for statistical purposes (the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002).

The interview will take about an hour. During the interview, your child will be asked demographic survey questions, including questions about sexual orientation and gender identity. In addition to these questions, we will ask follow-up items about the survey questions to determine how your child decided on an answer for these questions and if they were clear and easy for your child to understand. For example, we may ask your child to repeat the question in his or her own words.

They will receive a \$40 gift card in appreciation for the interview.

We would like to record the interactions between your child, the interviewer, and the computer. This means we will record the computer screen and your child's spoken answers to the questions we ask. The recording will be seen only by members of the research team to help us make sure we have all the information from your child about how these questions work. To protect their privacy, the recording will be protected by a password. The recording will be destroyed soon after the study ends. However, having the interactions recorded is voluntary and you can decline for your child.

[Read only if remote-observation: We would like to have members of the RTI research team or representatives of SAMHSA join this interview to observe. However, observation is voluntary and you can decline for your child.]

If you have any questions about this study, you can contact Gretchen McHenry at RTI at 919-624-9939. If you have any questions about your rights as a parent or legal guardian or your child's rights as a study participant, you can call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).

Do we have your permission for [CHILD'S NAME] to participate?

As Parent/Guardian, I give my permission for my child to participate in this interview.

____ **Yes** ____ **No**

As Parent/Guardian, I give my permission for my child's interview to be recorded:

____ **Yes** ____ **No**

Read only if observer is present: As Parent/Guardian, I give my permission for members of the RTI research team or representative of SAMHSA to observe the interview:

____ **Yes** ____ **No**

I will sign this form to indicate that I have explained this information to you and that you have agreed for your child to be interviewed.

Signature of Interviewer: _____

Date: _____