

# NSDUH SOGI Adult Cognitive Interview

## Participant Informed Consent Form

### *Introduction*

I am going to explain this study to you. You can stop me at any time if you have questions about anything I tell you.

The purpose of this study is to test some questions that will be used in the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, or NSDUH. The NSDUH is a large survey given to about 70,000 people across the country each year. It collects information on many health-related issues. Right now, we're interested in evaluating some questions about sexual orientation and gender identity. We want to see how well people understand these questions and how they might go about answering them. RTI is carrying out this research study for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA, which is part of the US Department of Health and Human Services. You are one of approximately 66 participants, aged 12 and older, who will review the survey questions for this study.

### *Description of the Interview*

Your participation in this interview will involve answering demographic questions, including questions about sexual orientation and gender identity. In addition to answering these questions, I will ask you follow-up questions to determine how you decided on an answer for these survey questions and if they were clear and easy for you to understand. For some questions, I may ask you to put the questions in your own words or to tell me what a word or phrase meant to you. The interview will last approximately 60 minutes. Your participation in this study will end after you finish the interview.

We also would like to record this interview. Only the people who work on this study will view the recording. It will help us make sure we have understood your answers. If you don't want us to record your interview, that's okay.

### *Confidentiality/Your Rights*

Taking part in the interview is completely voluntary. You can skip any interview questions you do not wish to answer. Your personal information will not be connected to your answers in any way. Federal law requires us to keep your answers confidential and to use these answers only for statistical purposes (the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002).

**[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.]

### *Possible Risks and Benefits*

You can ask me to stop the interview at any time. If you want to take a break at any time during the interview, please tell me. It is possible some of the survey questions may make you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, I can tell you how to contact a counselor.

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this interview. However, the answers you give will help us to improve the quality of questions for the NSDUH.

### *Payment for Participation*

You will be given a \$40 gift card for completing the interview.

### *Your Questions*

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 to participate in this interview?

\_\_\_\_ **Yes**                      \_\_\_\_ **No**

Do we have your permission for the interview to be recorded?

\_\_\_\_ **Yes**                      \_\_\_\_ **No**

***Read only if observer is present:*** Do you give permission for members of the RTI research team or representative of SAMHSA to observe the interview?

\_\_\_\_ **Yes**                      \_\_\_\_ **No**

I will sign my name here to indicate that I have explained this information to you and that you have agreed to be interviewed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **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:** \_\_\_\_\_