



Family Economics Study – Child Development Supplement: Study Information Sheet

1. What is this study about?

Your family is invited to participate in a study called the “Family Economics Study – Child Development Supplement.” The purpose of this study is to understand how families, schools, and neighborhoods affect children’s and adolescents’ growth and development. The study will collect information on children and adolescents and one of their parents or guardians.

The University of Michigan’s Survey Research Center is conducting this study. The director of the study is Dr. Narayan Sastry, who may be reached through the study’s toll-free telephone number (1-866-796-5166). The study’s main sponsor is the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

2. What is my family being asked to do?

An interviewer from the University of Michigan will first ask a parent or guardian of eligible children to complete an initial 10-minute interview by telephone. If the family is eligible to participate, the interviewer will invite the parent or guardian to complete another interview about the children in their family. The interview may take 80 minutes on average, but may be longer or shorter depending on the number of your children who are eligible. During the interview, we will ask some questions about the children and other adults who live in the household and for permission to interview eligible adolescents aged 12–17 years. An interviewer will invite adolescents to complete a 30-minute interview, with questions about family, school, and neighborhood experiences. During part of the interview, a voice recording

will ask questions about puberty, sexual experiences, smoking, and alcohol, and drug use, and adolescents will enter their responses on the telephone keypad. Some people may find some of these questions sensitive.

3. Does my family have to participate?

Your family's participation is voluntary. Your children and the parent or guardian may skip any questions they do not wish to answer or choose not to participate in any study component. We will ask the parent or guardian's permission and your children's permission before beginning each study component mentioned above. Even after agreeing to participate, your children or their parent/guardian may stop the interview at any time. If your children or the parent/guardian decide not to participate, there are no penalties and they will not lose any benefits to which they would otherwise be entitled.

4. Are there any risks?

Parents/guardians and children who agree to be in the study will experience no more risk than in daily life.

Some questions about sensitive topics like sexual behavior and drug use might make adolescents uncomfortable, but they can skip any questions they do not want to answer. There may be negative consequences, such as embarrassment, if someone were to discover an adolescent's responses to these sensitive questions. However, the chance of this occurring is extremely low because of the many ways we protect his or her responses and identity.

5. What are the benefits?

There are no direct benefits to parents/guardians or children who participate in this study. However, the information that is provided will help researchers learn more about the factors that affect children's health and development.

6. Is everything confidential?

Parent/guardian's and children's privacy and confidentiality are of the highest concern to us. Interviewers have signed a confidentiality pledge to

protect participants' privacy. Answers that a parent/guardian and children give us are combined with answers from many of other interviews. **No individual can be recognized from their answers and we will never release any personal information about the people we interview.**

We follow very strict data security procedures. We use passwords and other protections to prevent unauthorized entry into computers that hold study data. All study personnel must agree to follow special rules for handling private information to protect respondents' identities. Your answers will be assigned a study number and are stored separately from your name and address. We only use data linked with the study number. We may share your information with other investigators without asking for your consent again, but it will not contain any information that could directly identify you. The de-identified information you provide will be retained indefinitely.

Additionally, this research holds a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means that we cannot be forced to disclose any research information that may identify you, even by a court subpoena, in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings. In general, we will use the Certificate to resist any demands for information that would identify you, except as described below.

We will disclose your information for any purpose to which you have consented, as described in this informed consent document. This includes making your de-identified research information available for future research by qualified investigators. We may also disclose your information to the appropriate authorities if we suspect or learn about cases of child or elder abuse or neglect, or that you may harm yourself or others.

We will disclose your information if the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the agency funding this research, requests information to audit or evaluate our procedures.

Please note that a Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you or a

member of your family from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. If an insurer, employer, or other person obtains your written consent to receive research information, then we will not use the Certificate to withhold that information.

More detailed information about Certificates may be found at the NIH Certificate of Confidentiality webpage:
<https://humansubjects.nih.gov/coc/index>.

7. Will I be paid for participating?

Yes. Both a parent/guardian and adolescents will receive tokens of appreciation for their time. The parent/guardian interview length depends on family size. We expect your full interview will take either about an hour, about an hour and a half, about two hours, or just over two hours given the size of your family and you will receive either \$75, \$100, \$125, \$150 in appreciation of your time. Adolescents aged 12–17 years will receive \$35 for participating in the study. Payments will be made by check or electronic payment after each interview has ended.

8. Who can answer my questions about this study?

An interviewer will answer any questions you have when you are contacted for the study. Be sure that your questions about the study have been answered and that you understand what you are being asked to do. If you have any questions or concerns later, please call us at our toll-free number: 1-866-796-5166.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions, or discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact the University of Michigan Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board, 2800 Plymouth Road, Building 520, Room 1169, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2800, (734) 936-0933 [or toll free, (866) 936-0933], irbhsbs@umich.edu. Please refer to the Family Economics Study – Child Development Supplement.