

Information Sheet for the Family Economics Study

This interview is part of the Family Economics Study (FES). This research study is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. The interview should take about 90 minutes and asks questions about your employment status, health, and other topics. The information will be used by policy makers and researchers to understand social and economic issues being faced by families today.

You will be part of a scientific sample of people representing thousands of other people across the country. Your participation is very important because it will help the study to accurately represent people like yourself. You will receive a monetary token of appreciation for your time and effort completing the interview.

Your help in this study is completely voluntary. Although you will not directly benefit from being in this study, for most people, the survey is interesting and enjoyable. Some of the questions in the interview may be sensitive for some people. You may choose to skip any question for any reason, and you may stop the interview at any time.

We will keep your information to use for future research. Your name and other information that can directly identify you will be kept secure and stored separately from the information you provide. 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. This information will be part of a data archive housed at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan that is provided for future use by other researchers.

This study holds a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means that the research team cannot be forced to release information that may identify you in a legal matter, even by a court subpoena.

The Certificate does not stop reporting that is required by federal, state or local laws and the agency funding this research can still check to make sure that the study is done in a safe and proper manner. The researchers may also release information about you for research purposes if permitted by federal research rules. You may also voluntarily release information about yourself or your involvement in this research or give written permission for the researchers to do so.

More information about Certificates of Confidentiality can be found at:

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/coc.htm>.

If you have questions about the survey or your monetary token, please call the University of Michigan Survey Research Center, toll free, at **1-866-796-5166** or email us at: uofmsurvey@umich.edu.

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), you can contact the Institutional Review Board in writing: University of Michigan Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board, 2800 Plymouth Road, Building 520, Room 1169, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2800; by phone: (734) 936-0933 or toll free, (866) 936-0933; or by email: irbhsbs@umich.edu.

Thank you again for being part of our study!