

Information Sheet for Parent/Guardian of Participants Who are Minors

NOTE Principal Investigator (PI) of the project must provide adequate information on the following issues in this document. The information should be clearly presented to potential participants while requesting their participation.

Project title: Influence of connectedness to parents and peers on personalities and behaviors of teenagers

Research objectives and principal investigator

This research aims to understand the influence of close relationship with parents and peers on teenagers' personalities and behaviors with special reference to their study, work, social and health behaviors

This study receives funding support fromXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.....

The principal investigator of this project isXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.....
from ...XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.....

Research sample and reason for selecting your minor

The sample for this research is minor/teen-age population aged 10-19 living with any or both parents or a guardian in four selected provinces: Nakhon Sawan, Khonkaen, Chiangmai and Songkhla. The multi-stage sampling technique is used to obtain 2,500 cases. A minor/teen-age person under your custody is randomly selected for this study. If you agree, I would like to ask for your permission to conduct an interview with him/her.

Data, method for data collection and time for interview

The interview covers three main issues: (i) level of relationship of minors/teenagers with parents, and their close friends; (ii) different personalities of minors/teenagers and; and (iii) minors'/teenagers' behaviors with regard to study/work, social and health activities. In total, the interview consists of 80 questions and takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Confidentiality of data

Our interviewer will record the data in this interview in the questionnaire. The data are confidential and are accessible only to the principal investigator and authorized research staff. Analysis and presentation of research findings will be in aggregate format. No personal information or informant identity will be disclosed. After the project completion, all informants' name will be deleted and data will be kept for further study in computer files that require a password, which is accessed by the principal investigator only.

Potential benefits and risks/harms to participants

Potential benefits - Data provided by your minor/teen-ager and others will not only inform about the current situation of general young people, but also benefit concerned organizations in formulating policies and activities that promote their wellbeing.

Potential Risk/harm - There is no financial cost to participants who participate in this study. No questions in the interview that can cause negative effects to participants. Some participants may find some questions personal or difficult to answer. We will do our best to prevent and reduce potential risk/harm to our interviewees. We encourage all to answer the questions freely and openly. No response will be judged as right or wrong.

Right of participant

Your decision and that of your minor/teen-ager to participate or not participate in this study is voluntary. You and your minor/teen-ager have the right to decline answering any questions, or withdraw from this study at any time even after the consent form is signed. Withdrawal will not affect you and your minor/teen-ager in any way.

This research project has been reviewed and ethical approval for carrying out study has been granted by Institutional Review Board, Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR-IRB). However, should you have any queries regarding ethical issues of this research, you may contact the IRB Office at Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Phuttamonthon 4 Road, Salaya, Phuttamonthon, Nakornpathom. Tel 66-2-441-0201-4 ext. 223, Fax 66-2-441-9333 or by e-mail at pripsrrib@mahidol.ac.th

If you need further clarification about this research, please ask our research assistant who comes to meet you now, or contact the principal investigator at the address given below.

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