

Northern Illinois University

Parent Permission for a Minor to Participate in a Research Study

Title of Study: Adolescents and Family Processes

Investigators

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Key Information

- This is a voluntary research study on adolescent perceptions of family processes.
- This 15-minute study involves the completion of an electronic survey.
- The benefits include contributing to the growing field of research regarding adolescent perceptions of family processes, which may have implications for the development of future clinical treatments; direct benefits to your child may include gaining insight into family processes, which may be informative for treatment; the only reasonably foreseeable risk involved in completing this study is that your child might experience mild discomfort when reflecting on potentially negative events or difficult relationships.

Description of the Study

The purpose of the study is to examine how adolescents view family processes and how these views influence their psychological health. If you agree to allow your child to be in this study, your child will be asked to complete an electronic questionnaire. Questionnaires will include items about their mood, behavior, and perceptions of their family processes. Completing these questionnaires should take between 15 and 20 minutes. The study will not interfere with their clinical treatment.

Risks and Benefits

The study has the following risks. First, your child might experience mild discomfort when reflecting on potentially difficult relationships or negative events. There are no additional reasonably foreseeable (or expected) risks.

The benefits of participation include contributing to the growing field of research regarding family processes. Important gaps in the field will be addressed by this study, which may have implications for future forms of clinical and family interventions. Additionally, your child may directly benefit from the study, as thinking about their family processes can build insight that might be helpful in their own therapeutic intervention(s).

Anonymity

- This study is anonymous. We will not be collecting or retaining any information about your child's identity. This study will utilize Qualtrics, a computer-based survey tool, to collect questionnaire responses. During the data collection phase, all data will be stored on the

Qualtrics servers. Qualtrics protects the privacy of survey data. You can see their online documentation at <http://www.qualtrics.com/security-statement/> and <http://www.qualtrics.com/privacy-statement/>.

- The records of this study will be kept strictly confidential. Once the data are transferred off of Qualtrics, they will be stored on password-protected computers in a locked research lab, which only research staff can access. We will not include any information in any report we may publish that would make it possible to identify your child.

Compensation

Your child will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card in compensation for participating. This will be administered electronically by the primary researcher within one week of study participation.

Your Rights

The decision to allow your child to participate in this study is entirely up to you. You may refuse to have your child take part in the study at any time. Your decision will not affect your child's clinical services being received at this agency and will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your child has the right to skip any question or research activity, as well as to withdraw completely from participation at any point during the process.

You have the right to ask questions about this research study and to have those questions answered before, during, or after the research. If you have any further questions about the study, at any time feel free to contact the researcher, Andrew Flannery, at flanneaj@gmail.com, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Laura Pittman, at lpittman@niu.edu or by telephone at (815) 753-2485. If you have any questions about your child's rights as a research participant that have not been answered by the investigators or if you have any problems or concerns that occur as a result of your child's participation, you may contact the Office of Research Compliance, Integrity, and Safety at (815) 753-8588. If you have any problems or concerns that occur as a result of your child's participation, you can report them to the Office of Research Compliance at the number above.

Your signature below indicates that you have agreed to allow your child to volunteer as a research participant for Adolescents and Family Processes Study, and that you have read and understood the information provided above. Please detach this signed page and email it to the primary researcher, Andrew Flannery, at flannery@myketandassociates.com. Mr. Flannery will then email the survey link to your child at the email address you indicate below. You may keep the remaining portion of this document for your own records.

Child's Name

Child's Email Address

Parent's Signature

Date