

EVALUATION Year 2

Parent/Guardian Permission Information Sheet for Participants Under 18 Years Old

This form is for families with youth under the age of 18 who are in Project Rise. Researchers are conducting an evaluation of the Project Rise program. This document tells you about the study. At the end, it asks permission for your child to be in the research study.

What is the evaluation of Project Rise?

Your child is enrolled in the Project Rise program. This evaluation will help us learn how Project Rise may help youth improve their relationships and sexual health. WestEd is a research organization and will be leading the research study. The study is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

What will my child do for the study?

Youth participation includes:

- Taking a 15-minute survey that asks about relationships and sexual health behaviors.
- Taking the same 15-minute survey at the end of the program.
- Possibly being asked to be in a 1-hour discussion group about their experience with the program.
- Taking a 5-minute survey asking about their experience with the program a few months after completing the program.

The surveys will be available in English and Spanish. These are written at a 7th grade level.

Are there any benefits or risks for participating in the study?

We do not anticipate any risks to you or your child for participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life. There are no direct benefits to your child for participating in the study. What we learn may help with research on the relationships and sexual health of youth like your child.

Will my child's information be private?

Yes. All information shared through surveys will remain private. While we cannot guarantee confidentiality from participating in the discussion groups, we will go over ground rules with the youth about privacy and discretion. When reports are written about this research, no youth will be identified. Responses will be presented as the average responses of all youth.

Is participation voluntary?

Yes, participation in the study is voluntary. It's OK if you say no. Nobody will be mad if your child doesn't participate. Your child can still participate in the program even if they don't want to be in the study. Also, they can decide to stop participating in the study at any time.

Is there compensation for participation in the study?

Yes, your child will receive a \$25 gift card if they participate in a discussion group. They will also receive a \$10 gift card if they complete the 3–4-month follow-up survey.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions about this research study, you can contact Jonathan Nakamoto from WestEd at jnakamo@wested.org or (562) 799-5498. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your or your child's rights as a participant in this study, you may contact WestEd's Institutional Review Board (IRB) at subjects@wested.org or 844-IRB-KIDS (844-472-5437).

Parent/Guardian Consent for Participants Under 18 Years Old

Complete this section below to indicate if you do or do not give permission. Reminder: Participation in this research study is voluntary. You and your child can withdraw at any time.

Yes, I would like for my child to be in the Project Rise study.

No, I would not like my child to be in the Project Rise study.

Child's Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date