

EVALUATION Year 2

Youth Permission Information Sheet

This form is for youth 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 for your permission to be in the research study.

What is the evaluation of Project Rise?

You are enrolled in the Project Rise program. This evaluation will help us learn how Project Rise may help youth like you 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 I do for the study?

Your 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 your experience with the program.
- Taking a 5-minute survey asking about your 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 for participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life. There are no direct benefits to you for participating in the study. What we learn may help with research on the relationships and sexual health of youth like you.

Will my information be private?

Yes. All information shared through surveys will remain private. If you participate in a discussion group, other youth will be in the discussion group and will hear your answers. 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. If you write something on the survey or say something in the discussion group that makes WestEd think you may have been abused or are a danger to yourself or others, we will need to let the proper authorities know.

Is participation voluntary?

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

Is there compensation for participation in the study?

Yes, you will receive a \$25 gift card if you participate in a discussion group. You will also receive a \$10 gift card if you 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 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).

Youth Consent/Assent

Complete this section below to indicate if you do or do not want to be in the study. Reminder:
Participation in this research study is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time.

- Yes**, I would like to be in the Project Rise study.
- No**, I would not like to be in the Project Rise study.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date