



Parent Permission Form (for Phases 1 & 2)

PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S PERMISSION FOR INTERVIEW

This interview is part of the National Survey of Family Growth. This research study is being done for the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics. The University of Michigan will do the interviews. The survey has questions on family life, marriage, family planning, sexual experience, pregnancy, health and use of health care, and attitudes and opinions about these topics. The interviewer will only ask questions that apply to your son or daughter. The information will be used to help improve health services and health education programs in the U.S. The interview lasts about 60 minutes. Answers to the questions will be entered into a laptop computer.

Your son or daughter will be part of a scientific sample. This sample will represent the 20 million teenagers in the United States. His or her participation is very important and will help the study results to be accurate for all teenagers. Your teenager will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation for his or her help in this study.

By Federal law, your teenager’s answers are confidential and we will take all possible steps to protect your teenager’s and your family’s privacy. Your teenager’s answers will be used for statistical research only and will not be shared with you or other family members. To keep the answers confidential it is important to do the interview in a private setting. This brochure, which you may have seen earlier, answers questions people sometimes ask about the study.

Giving your permission does not mean that your son or daughter has to do the interview. It just means that we have your permission to ask him or her for the interview. Your son or daughter is free to decide to do the interview or not. Saying yes or no to being in the survey will not change any benefits you or your teenager gets now or in the future. For most people, the survey is interesting and enjoyable. Some of the questions in the interview may be sensitive for some people. Your son or daughter may choose not to answer any question for any reason, and he or she may stop the interview at any time.

You may have questions about your teenager’s rights as a participant in this research study. If so, please call the office of the Research Ethics Review Board at the National Center for Health Statistics, toll free, at 1-800-223-8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about Study Number **2011-11**. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. If you have other questions about the survey, you may call Dr. Anjani Chandra or Dr. Gladys Martinez (toll-free) at NCHS: **1-866-227-8347**, or visit the NSFG webpage: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm.

I have read the study letter and brochure. You may ask my son or daughter if he or she wants to take part in the survey.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Son or Daughter’s Name (PLEASE PRINT)