

**Growing up with Media  
Child Assent for Participation in Research  
Wave 7**

First: We encourage you to take the survey on a computer instead of a phone if you can, as it will be easier to read and answer the questions.

Before we begin, we ask that you read the following description of the study and your involvement carefully.

Background/Purpose

You are one of about 2,200 young people who we have asked to take the “Growing Up With Media” survey.

The purpose of the study is to better understand why some young people have healthy relationships while others have unhealthy relationships. To understand this issue, some of the questions we ask are sensitive. Topics include exposure to violence including sexual violence, physical and verbal abuse, and related content seen on TV, the Internet, video games, and movies. We also will ask about things like drinking and smoking and experiences with sexual pictures. Your answers will help researchers design programs that will help young people make healthy choices and live healthier lives.

Procedures

This survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. We will contact you again 12 months from now to complete another survey, and 24 months from now to complete a third survey.

It is important that you do the survey in a place that is private and where you feel safe. No one should be able to see your answers. No one should tell you what your answers should be.

Incentives

We will email you a gift card for \$40 when you finish the survey.

Risks and discomforts

Taking this survey will not help or hurt you. Some young people said that some of the questions in the last survey made them upset. You should know that the survey asks you about things you may have seen or done that might be hard to talk about.

### Benefits

Your answers help us learn things that teens and young adults are doing so that we can help them live more healthy lives. Your participation is valuable and very important.

### Rights of refusal and withdrawal

You can choose to be in the study. You can choose not to be in the study at any time. If you want to stop taking part in the study, please email us at [Michele@InnovativePublicHealth.org](mailto:Michele@InnovativePublicHealth.org) and we will not contact you again.

You do not have to answer any question you do not want to for any reason. Your answers are important to us.

### Confidentiality

All of the answers you give will be kept private. We will not share your answers with your parents or anyone else outside of the research team. Your answers will be kept in a safe place. We will never link your responses to any personal information you provide. Your answers will only be reported together with those of others and will not be traced back to you.

To help us protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This Certificate means that we can keep your information private even if we get a court order telling us to share your information. We will use this Certificate to fight demands for your information unless you tell us you want us to share the information. But in the unlikely event that you tell us that you are being abused, then under applicable law we may be required to report this information to the appropriate authorities.

### Questions and contact numbers

If you have questions about the study, or any concerns about the study questions, please contact: Dr. Michele Ybarra toll-free at 1-877-302-6858 ext. 801 or [Michele@InnovativePublicHealth.org](mailto:Michele@InnovativePublicHealth.org).

If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or if you feel that you have been harmed in any way by taking part in this study, please contact:

- By mail:  
Study Subject Adviser  
Chesapeake Research Review, Inc.  
7063 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 110  
Columbia, MD 21046
- or call collect: 410-884-2900
- or by email: [adviser@irbinfo.com](mailto:adviser@irbinfo.com)

Please reference the following number when contacting the Study Subject Adviser: Pro00004131.

If you feel very sad or upset after taking this survey, please talk to someone. You can:

- Call the National Mental Health Information Center for help finding a mental health professional in your area. Call toll-free at: 1-800-789-2647 or visit them online at <http://www.mentalhealth.org/>. The phone call and information is free.
- Call the RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network) Hotline anytime at: 1-800-656-HOPE, or get help on their online hotline at <http://www.rainn.org/>.

If you are really upset right now or at any time, such as thinking about hurting yourself, we urge you to contact the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at: 1 800-273-TALK (8255).

#### Your assent

To read the information listed here in the assent form in the future, you may print it out now or access it any time by clicking on the link provided in your invitation email. By selecting “Yes” below, you agree to take the survey. If you choose not to take the survey, we have just a few more questions for you.

Do you want to take this survey?

- 1 Yes, I want to take the survey
- 2 No, I do not want to take the survey

#### BASE: CHILD DOES NOT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE:

Thank you for your time. We respect your decision not to participate in the Growing Up With Media survey. To help us better understand your decision, please tell us why you do not want to take the survey.