

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

Consent to Participate in a Research Study

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Title of Study: Adolescents and Substance Abuse

Investigator(s): Dr. Ebony L. Hall, Abigail Torres-Perez, Trinity Davis, Mbonwanaya Aline, Alyssa Franqui, Social Work Department, Tarleton State University, (254)-968-9032

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We are doing a study to increase understanding about the knowledge of alcohol and substance use by adolescents. This is your copy of a consent of your child to participate that provides you with the purpose of our study and rights as a participant, if you allow your child to participate. Your child will also receive a copy of a consent form of the same information.

If you agree for your child to be a part of the survey, we will ask him/her questions about his/her alcohol and substance use. He/she will complete a short survey that includes 14 questions. Three of the questions ask about his/her age, gender, and ethnicity. They are demographic questions and they will help us understand more about the population. The other 11 questions ask about personal and family knowledge about drugs and alcohol. We do not ask for your child's name on any part of the survey so there is no way of knowing which survey your child completed. Most of the questions they only have to circle answers, so there are no ways to indicate who is completing. The survey is completely anonymous to allow the adolescent to feel more comfortable.

The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. What we learn in this research will help adolescents, families, and schools be educated about the extent of alcohol and substance use taking place by adolescents. Allowing your child to participate will help in identifying any resources that will be helpful in the prevention of alcohol and substance use among adolescents.

We ask that you read this form and ask any questions that you may have before the survey is distributed in the next two weeks.

If you or child experience any psychological effects, please inform one of the researchers and STAR Council, Prevention Director Rhyland Ramirez, will provide you with immediate resource information. You can also reach Rhyland at 254-965-5515 if you need assistance.

In addition, to protect your child's anonymity, there is no identifying information being obtained on the surveys or any material related to the collection of data for this research.

If at any time you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey, please let us know prior to the distribution of the survey. If you inform us after the distribution of the survey we have no way of knowing which survey belongs to your child because it is anonymous.

We thank you for your time.