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## **“Partnering For Permanence”: Surveys of Emancipated Youth**

### **Consent to Release Information**

Our names are Edward Cohen, Ph.D. and Professor Jill Duerr Berrick, Ph.D., with the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. Our research team is interviewing young people who have emancipated after being involved with Contra Costa County’s foster care program. We would like you to consider becoming a potential voluntary participant in this research.

The purpose of this research is to get information about how young people are doing after they leave foster care, in the areas of housing, finances, school, the use of health and mental health services, and the use of the independent living skills program. This information will help the County improve their services to prepare young people for independent living. The research will involve up to three interviews over the course of a year.

The procedures for your participation are as follows:

- One of our research staff will contact you, if you give permission for Contra Costa County to share with us your name, date of emancipation and contact information (phone number, address).
- We will explain the research in more detail to give you time to decide whether or not to participate
- If you agree to participate, you will be asked to sign a “consent to participate in research” form
- We will set up a time to meet with you for the interview, which can be done at an office, your home, or anywhere else that is convenient for you
- When we meet, a University researcher will ask you questions about your living status, educational needs, finances, employment, your use of health and mental health services, and whether or not you used the County’s Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)
- Each interview will take no longer than one hour
- We would like to audio tape the interview, but we will do so only with your permission
- We will also talk with you about the next interviews (if applicable)

While there are no direct benefits to you for participating, you might find it interesting to help improve how youth are taken care of while they are in foster care.

The study presents minimal risks to you. While there is a small chance that the confidentiality of the information collected could be compromised, we will take care to prevent this from happening. Some questions might be uncomfortable for you to answer. Should this be the case, our interviewers are trained to help you feel at ease. All questions are optional--you do not have to answer any question you don’t want to.

The information given to us by the County and by you will be handled as confidentially as possible. We will not disclose your personal information to anyone outside of our University research team. There are two exceptions to this confidentiality: 1) if you tell us information about suspected child abuse we are required by law to notify the proper authorities, and 2) if you present a risk of danger to yourself or others we may notify the proper authorities to ensure safety.

We may present our research at scientific meetings, but your name and personal information will not be used. All of our written notes and audio tapes will be locked in a secure office at the University.

Since *participation in this research is voluntary*, you are free to refuse permission for the County to share information with us, and to refuse participation or discontinue participation in the research at any time, without penalty or loss of benefits or services to which you are otherwise entitled.

In return for your participation, at the end of each interview you will receive a gift card for \$30.

You will be provided with a copy of this consent form to keep.

If you have considered all the information in this form and wish to be contacted, you may indicate agreement by signing below.

If you have any questions about this research, you may contact Edward Cohen, Ph.D., at 877-263-9012 or [ecohen@berkeley.edu](mailto:ecohen@berkeley.edu).

Should you wish to talk to someone about your concerns or rights as a research subject you may contact the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Ste. 313, Berkeley, CA 94704, phone 510-642-7461, or email [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

*I have considered the information in this Consent Form, and give permission for Contra Costa County to share my name, date of emancipation, and contact information (telephone number, address) with Drs. Cohen and Berrick in order to contact me.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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To be completed by County staff after signature:

Name of County staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

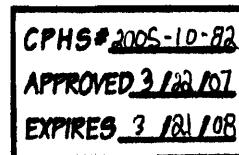
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Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I have considered the information in this Consent Form, and agree to participate in this research.*

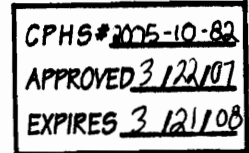
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## **“Partnering For Permanence”: Parent Partner Program Satisfaction Survey**

### **Consent to Participate in Research**

Our names are Edward Cohen, Ph.D. and Professor Jill Duerr Berrick, Ph.D., with the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. Our research team is interviewing parents who have been involved with child welfare services and the Parent Partner Program, involving other parents who were assigned to help you.

The purpose of this research is to get information about whether or not you found the Parent Partner Program helpful, and whether the program met the goals for you that the County intended.

You have been invited to be interviewed about the Parent Partner Program. The procedures for your participation are as follows:

- We will explain the research in more detail to give you time to decide whether or not to participate
- If you agree to participate, you will be asked to sign this form
- We will set up a time to meet with you or telephone you for the interview. In-person interviews can be conducted at an office, your home, or anywhere else that is convenient for you. The interview will be scheduled approximately six months from when you were assigned a Parent Partner.
- During the interview the researcher will ask you questions about the how helpful the Parent Partner program has been, your satisfaction with the program, and other similar questions about services from the County.
- The entire interview will take no longer 20 minutes.
- We will also talk with you about the next interviews (if applicable)

While there are no direct benefits to you for participating, by helping to evaluate the Parent Partner Program’s effectiveness and usefulness you may improve interventions for future parents in the child welfare system.

The study presents minimal risks to you. While there is a small chance that the confidentiality of the information collected could be compromised, we will take care to prevent this from happening. Some questions might be uncomfortable for you to answer. Should this be the case, our interviewers are trained to help you feel at ease. All questions are optional--you do not have to answer any question you don’t want to.

The information you give us will be handled as confidentially as possible. We will not disclose your personal information to anyone outside of our University research team. There are two exceptions to this confidentiality: 1) if you tell us information about suspected child abuse we are required by law to notify the proper authorities, and 2) if you present a risk of danger to yourself or others we may notify the proper authorities to ensure safety.

We won't tell County staff whether or not you decided to participate in the research. We may present our research at scientific meetings, but your name and personal information will not be used. All of our written notes will be locked in a secure office at the University.

Since *participation in this research is voluntary*, you are free to refuse participation or discontinue participation at any time, without penalty or loss of benefits or services to which you are otherwise entitled.

In return for your participation, at the end of each interview you will receive a gift card for \$30.

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*I have considered the information in this Consent Form, and agree to participate in this research.*

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Signature of Participant

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Date