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Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth Program Evaluation

Invitation

As part of the P.A.R.T.Y. Program we would like to invite your child to participate in the evaluation of the program. This is to tell us if the program has had an impact on them and their thoughts on risk-related behaviour.

The study is being conducted by:

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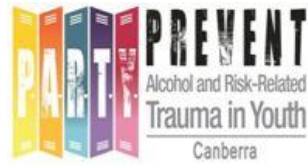
Before you and your child decide whether or not you want to participate in this study, it is important that you understand what your participation will involve and why the research is being done. Please take time to read the following information and discuss it with others if you wish.

1. Why are we doing this study?

The purpose of this study is to find out if the P.A.R.T.Y. program changes how your child understands and responds to risky behaviours that may increase their chance of being injured.

2. Why has my child been invited to participate?

Your child is able to participate because they are aged between 14-16 years old and are attending either the P.A.R.T.Y. Canberra In-hospital or Outreach Program run by Canberra Health Services.



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3. What if I don't want to take part in this study?

Being in this study is entirely voluntary; it is totally up to you whether or not your child participates. Should you or your child not want to participate or if you subsequently decide to withdraw from the study, there is no penalty of any type and they will still be able to participate in the P.A.R.T.Y. Program activities. You can withdraw your child from the study at any time and your child will be given an opportunity to do so prior to completing any evaluation form.

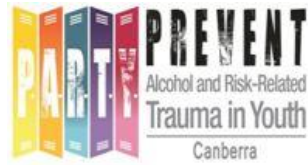
4. What does the study involve?

If you choose for your child to participate in the study, you will be asked to sign the Participant/Parent/Guardian Consent Form. Participation in the study will commence with their attendance at the PARTY Program and continue for a 3 month period. The study involves completing 3 questionnaires, pre-program and immediately post-program and again 3 months after the program day which will be distributed by teachers for students to fill out during school time. These questionnaires are on risk-related behaviours and students' conception of these.

NOTE: If your child is attending a program in Term 3 or 4 and will be going to a separate college please provide an email or postal address on the consent form so that the 3 month questionnaire can be sent to you.

5. Are there risks to my child taking part in this study?

The study is completely anonymous and questions within the questionnaires are not sensitive, there are no foreseeable risks to your child if they participate.



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6. Will my child benefit from this study?

Involvement in the study will not provide direct benefit to your child specifically but results will be used to help us determine if the P.A.R.T.Y. program methods work and improve programs for students in the future.

7. Will taking part in this study cost me anything, or will I be paid?

Participation in this study will not cost you anything and you will not be paid.

8. How will my child's confidentiality be protected?

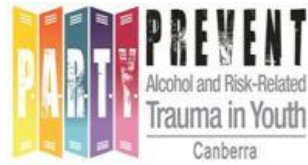
All aspects of the study, including results, will be strictly confidential and only the researchers in this study will have access to information about participants. This information will be held securely at Canberra Health Services.

Confidentiality will be maintained in the following way;

- Rather than your child's name being recorded in the database, your child will be given a participant number, which will be used to link pre and post questionnaire results.
- Hardcopies of written questionnaires will be also be destroyed once data is entered into our project database

9. What happens with the results?

Results of the study will be analysed and potentially submitted for publication, and may be presented at professional conferences. Individual participants will not be identifiable in any published findings or presentation. Results will be compared to other national and international programs.



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10. What should I do if I want to discuss this study further before I decide?

When you have read this information, and discussed the evaluation with your child, the P.A.R.T.Y. Coordinator is available to discuss it with you and any queries you may have. Please do not hesitate to make contact on (02) 5124 2638.

11. Who should I contact if I have concerns about the conduct of this study?

Should you have any problems or queries about the way in which the study is conducted, and you do not feel comfortable contacting the study staff, you may contact the ACT Health Directorate Human Research Ethics Committee Secretariat, on 02 6205 0846 via acthealth-hrec@act.gov.au. Any complaint that you make will be treated in confidence and appropriately investigated. You will also be informed of the outcome.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this study.

If you wish to take part, please sign the participant consent form.

This information sheet is for you to keep.