



**PARENT CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE – 12 to 17 Years of Age**  
**California Reducing Disparities Project Phase 2 Statewide Evaluation**  
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The California Reducing Disparities Project is a statewide project to improve mental health services. Stick Game and Flower Dance is one of 35 programs funded by this project. The Psychology Applied Research Center in Los Angeles is doing a study of the project. The California Department of Public Health funds the study, which it will use to report on the usefulness of programs like Stick Game and Flower Dance. Your child can be in the study because they will be in Stick Game and Flower Dance. If your child takes part in the study, they will be one of about 378 people for Stick Game and Flower Dance and 9000 statewide.

If you say yes to the study, your child will take two surveys. One survey when your child starts Stick Game and Flower Dance. Another survey at the end of the program. The surveys ask about your child's mental health, services they have used or need for mental health, alcohol or drugs, and what your child thinks about Stick Game and Flower Dance. The survey also asks for details like your child's age, gender, and sexual orientation. One example of a question is, "In the past 12 months, did you think you needed help for emotional or mental health problems, such as feeling sad, anxious or nervous?" Another example is, "About how often during the past 30 days did you feel nervous?" The first survey should take 15 minutes. The second survey should take 10 to 15 minutes. Both surveys should take 25 to 30 minutes. Program staff can read questions and help your child fill out the surveys if they need help.

Being in the study is optional. You and your child will not be paid or receive any direct benefits. Saying no will not affect your child being in Stick Game and Flower Dance. If you say yes to the study, your child will take two surveys. You can ask questions before you decide if you want your child to be in the study.

The surveys ask some questions that may cause discomfort. They can choose to not answer for any reason. Your child can withdraw from the study at any time by saying, "I do not want to be in the study anymore." Nothing bad will happen if your child withdraws. Withdrawing will not affect your child being in Stick Game and Flower Dance.

If your child feels upset after they do the survey, the Two Feathers Native American Family Services can refer them to support services. If you want more support, you can contact Dr. Cheryl Grills at LMU, 310-338-3016.

To protect your child's data, paper surveys are stored in locked file cabinets and destroyed once put on computers. Computer data is stored on secure servers. However, there is a small chance of a data security break that could cause loss of privacy. The law requires us to report child abuse, elder abuse, or plans to for someone to hurt themselves or others.

If you have any questions, you can contact Two Feathers at \_\_\_\_\_. You can also contact Dr. Cheryl Grills at LMU, 310-338-3016 or [cheryl.grills@lmu.edu](mailto:cheryl.grills@lmu.edu). If you want to know more about your child's rights in research, contact the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, 916-326-3660 or [cphs-mail@oshpd.ca.gov](mailto:cphs-mail@oshpd.ca.gov). You will also get a copy of the Participant's Bill of Rights for Non-Medical Research.

Signing below [or clicking the yes button below] means that:

- I understand all of the above information.
- I have received the Participant's Bill of Rights for Non-Medical Research.
- I consent to my child being in the study.

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adolescent Assent Form on File: Yes No