

## **Informed Consent Form**

<b>Identification of Project</b>	<b>CDC Discussion Groups</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the sponsor of this project. FHI 360 is helping with this project. The purpose of this project is to gather feedback regarding particular messages related to health. It will help inform how CDC and its partners can better communicate certain health-related information to different audiences.
<b>Procedures</b>	We have asked you to join a focus group (a group discussion). During the discussion, you will be asked about your thoughts and opinions regarding several messages, statements or ideas related to health and to the work of CDC and its partners. The group will have up to nine other people. The group will last no more than 90 minutes. A trained person will lead the discussion group.
<b>Information Security</b>	We will make audio recordings of the group. In addition, some people who work on the project may listen to the recordings and may also listen during the discussion group. They will write a report based on their notes and the recordings. However, no one outside of this project will listen to the recordings. We will keep what you say secure to the extent permitted by law. We will NOT put your name in the report or on the recordings. We will keep the recordings in a locked cabinet. The recordings will be destroyed by December 2014.
<b>Risks</b>	I understand that the risks of my participation are expected to be minimal. This means that the risks are not expected to be greater than the risks a person may normally find in their daily life.
<b>Benefits, Freedom to Withdraw, &amp; Ability to Ask Questions</b>	This project is not designed to help you personally. It is intended to help CDC understand how to best communicate certain health-related information to different audiences. You do not have to answer questions that you do not want to answer. You may stop at any time. You will receive \$50 to show appreciation for your participation.
<b>Contact Information</b>	If you have any questions, please contact Tom Lehman at <a href="mailto:studyinfo@fhi360.org">studyinfo@fhi360.org</a> or 202-884-8863. You may ask him about your rights as a project participant. You may contact him with any concerns about participating in the discussion group.

My signature confirms that I have read the information on this page. I understand my rights as a participant. I agree to take part in this discussion group. I agree to have audio recordings made of the discussion and to be observed by team members. I realize that only the people working on this project will listen to the recordings. I understand that my name will NOT be used in the report or any other products. No other information that could identify me will be used either.

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

**Name (Please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

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