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Dear Youth,

We are asking you to try out a new educational website for youth and tell us what you think about it.

Please read this letter which contains information to help you decide if you want to help us. Please ask as many questions as you want to be sure you understand what will happen and what you will do. One of the project staff members will be happy to answer them.

What is the purpose of this project?

We want to get your help on some ideas for a new website. We want to know what you think about some activities we've created. We want to know if you find the website fun, interesting, and helpful to you. We also want to know if you find it easy to use the program. Once we get your help, we can then decide if we need to make any changes to our website.

What will I have to do?

During the interview, we will ask you to:

1. Review a portion of our new website.
2. Answer a few questions on whether you liked the content in the website.
3. Answer a few questions about yourself, for example, your age.

The interview may take you up to 2 hours and you will get to take a break when needed. Your parent/caregiver has given permission for you to help us by being in the study, but you still can decide for yourself if you want to do it or not.

Will my answers be kept private?

Yes, all of your answers will be kept private. Your name will not be on anything we keep for this project. The interview will be audiotaped and at the end of the study, we will destroy the audiotape.

What happens if I don't participate in the project?

You do not have to be in this project unless you want to. If you decide to be in the project, you do not have to answer any of the questions or participate in any of the activities that you don't want to. You can choose to quit this project at any time.

Are there any risks to being in the project?

We do not think there are any real risks to you. If you don't want to, you don't have to participate in the study.

Will anything good happen as result of being in this project?

You will help us to make a website that can help a lot of youth, like yourself.

Will I get anything for being in the project?

For participating in this project, you will receive \$25.

Who should I contact if I have any questions about the project?

The project is being done by Dr. Alison Parker and Dr. Tracy Scull of innovation, Research, & Training. If at any point during your participation in this project, you have any additional questions or concerns, you or your parent can contact Dr. Parker, at (919) 493-7700, email: aparker@irtinc.us.

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant or how you were treated, you or your parent should contact Barbara Goldman, Ph.D., Chair of the iRT Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews studies like this one, at barbara_goldman@unc.edu or 919-966-7169.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

**Alison Parker, Ph.D.
Co-Principal Investigator
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**Tracy Scull, Ph.D.
Co-Principal Investigator
innovation Research & Training**

Interview Study

YOUTH AGREEMENT

In this study, you will be asked to:

- **Review a new website**
- **Provide feedback on what you see in the website**

You do not have to be in the study if you don't want to, and you can stop being in the study at any time. You do not have to answer any questions that you don't want to answer. Your answers will be kept private.

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Interview Study.

Child's Name (please print)

Date

Your Caregiver's Name (please print)

Date

Please keep one copy of this 4-page form and turn in the other one with your name on it.