

ATTACHMENT 11_E2: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE EVALUATION OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON TEEN TOBACCO (EXPECTT)

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Questions and Answers about the Evaluation of the Public Education Campaign on Teen Tobacco (ExPECTT)

What is the Evaluation of the Public Education Campaign on Teen Tobacco (ExPECTT)?

Evaluation of the Public Education Campaign on Teen Tobacco (ExPECTT) is designed to collect data from youth in order to understand attitudes and beliefs towards tobacco use, as well as youth media use. Follow-up surveys will be conducted to assess youths' awareness of these public education campaigns as they are aired and receptivity to campaign messages.

Why should I participate?

This is an opportunity for you and your child to contribute to important research related to tobacco use and to help researchers and policy makers understand the impact and effectiveness of public education activities aimed at reducing tobacco use and the health risks of using tobacco.

Who is sponsoring this study?

The study is sponsored by the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). CTP is responsible for creating strategies to prevent youth from starting to use tobacco and to encourage tobacco users to quit. RTI International (RTI) has been selected by the FDA to conduct each round of the study and collect further data between each round.

Who is RTI International?

RTI International (RTI) is a not-for-profit research organization located in North Carolina. RTI conducts research projects for a wide variety of government agencies, universities, and private companies. Professional RTI interviewers in your area are conducting the interviews with eligible youth and their parents.

How was I chosen?

A random sample of households is selected throughout the United States. A professional RTI interviewer makes a personal visit to each household to ask several initial questions. One or possibly two children in your household may be asked to voluntarily participate in the survey. Since the survey is based on a random sample, you will represent thousands of other United States residents.

How will my child be involved?

The interviewer will ask your permission to speak with your child about participating in the study. The interviewer will read some questions off of a computer screen and enter the responses into a computer. Your child will also read questions and answer choices from the computer screen and enter their responses directly into the computer.

How is the study being conducted?

A professional RTI interviewer will visit each selected address to ask adults aged 18 or older whether any children age 11 to 16 live in the household. In each household where one or

more children are eligible, interviewers will request permission from the parents or legal guardian of eligible youth to participate in the study. Once parental permission is provided for eligible youth to participate, interviewers will use a laptop computer to first ask parents a few questions about the household and then begin interviews with eligible youth(s).

How will I recognize the RTI interviewer?

The interviewer will carry an RTI identification badge with his or her picture on it. The interviewer will also have a letter of authorization from RTI.

How long will it take?

The brief interview with parents will take 10 minutes or less to complete. The interview with eligible youth will take about 45 minutes, on average. Interviewers can schedule visits to your household when it is most convenient for you and your child.

What happens to the information?

Each computerized interview data file—which is identified only by code number—will be electronically transmitted to RTI on the same day the interview is conducted. The answers will then be combined with all other participants' answers, and then coded, totaled, and turned into statistics for analysis. As a quality control measure, your household might receive a telephone call from RTI to verify that the interviewer followed the correct steps in completing the survey with you and your child.

What about Privacy?

All RTI staff members and interviewers have signed a Privacy Agreement guaranteeing that they will not reveal any information to anyone other than authorized project staff. All information collected as part of the study will be kept private to the fullest extent allowable by law, and nothing you tell us will be reported with your name.

The interviewer will ask for your permission before approaching your child for an interview. At that point, your child may choose whether or not to participate in the study. To protect your privacy and that of your child, neither of you will know the other's answers to the interview questions. Answers obtained during the survey will be combined with those from thousands of others from around the country.

Where do I get more information about the study?

If you have any more questions about this study, you can call the ExPECTT project assistance line toll free at [ADD TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER], If you have a question about your rights as a study participant, you can call RTI's Office of Research Protection toll-free at (866) 214-2043.