

**APPENDIX J**  
**Childhood and Family Experiences Study**  
**Staff Outreach Script**

Hello, (NAME OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANT). I wanted to tell you about an interesting opportunity that I learned about from [NAME OF MDRC/research STAFF SCREENER]. He/she works for MDRC, a nonprofit organization that studies programs that can help families and children.

They are doing a new research project and want to interview parents and their children to learn more about how families understand and talk about their financial situation. They also want to know what you think about any public benefits your family gets.

I thought you might be interested in talking to the researchers. It's a special chance for you to tell them what you think about these things.

The information that you and [NAME OF CHILD/REN] tell them during the interviews will only be shared with their research team. They won't share anything with me or with other people in your family, including your children. Also, they will never share your name or identity with the government.

They can come to your house and talk to you in-person, or you can talk with them somewhere else if you prefer. They would talk with you for about an hour and a half depending on how many people in your family they end up interviewing. Interviews with adults last an average of 90 minutes, interviews with adolescents last an average of 53 minutes, and interviews with children last an average of 30 minutes. If you decide you want to do this, you and any children they interview would receive a gift or a gift card as a thank you.

Would you like me to give your phone number to a research team so that they may contact you about the study? If you prefer, you can reach him/her at [PHONE NUMBER] or [EMAIL ADDRESS].

The described collection of information is voluntary and will be used to understanding the families' experiences with money. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number and expiration date for this collection are **OMB #: 0970-XXXX, Exp: XX/XX/XXXX**. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Sam Wulfsohn at MDRC via e-mail at [Samantha.wulfsohn@mdrc.org](mailto:Samantha.wulfsohn@mdrc.org).