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Infant Formula Focus Groups

Consent Form

Purpose:

- This study is about infant formula.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is conducting this study to learn consumers' views about and experiences with infant formula.

What is involved:

- You are being asked to be part of a discussion with 5-6 other people.
- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to participate if you do not want to.
- If you choose to participate, we will ask you some questions about your experiences with infant formula.
- The focus group discussion will take approximately 90 minutes.

Confidentiality:

- Your name and information will be kept secure to the extent permitted by law.
- We will video record the discussions. We will keep the recordings secure and destroy them by 2022.
- Project staff from FDA may be observing the discussion.
- What you say will not be connected with your name. We will report our results in a summary report. We may use quotes you say in our report, but we won't use your name.

Risks:

- It is your choice to do this focus group discussion.
- You can stop participating at any time.
- You also do not have to answer questions from the moderator if they make you uncomfortable.
- There are no known risks for participation in this research activity.

Benefits:

- There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study.
- You will be helping with an important research project.

Questions:

- If you have questions about the project you may call the Westat Project Director, Cynthia Robins, at 610.593.7389 or 240.367.4753.
- If you have any questions or complaints about your rights as a research subject, please contact FDA's IRB, Human Subject Protection Program Management Staff, at HSPPMS@fda.hhs.gov and 301-796-9605.

You will receive \$75 as a token of appreciation for your participation in the discussion.