

Focus Group Participant Informed Consent Form

National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has contracted with RTI International to complete a large drug and health study called the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). Each year, almost 70,000 people from across the United States are interviewed for this important study. In association with this project, RTI has been asked to conduct virtual focus groups like this one with adults to evaluate materials used on NSDUH.

Your participation in this focus group will involve answering questions about the content and design of the letter sent to households inviting a household member to participate. We will ask how we can improve these letters to increase study participation. There may be up to 6 people in each focus group. You are one of approximately 54 people discussing the content of these letters in virtual focus groups. There are no right or wrong answers; we just want your opinions.

Your participation in this group discussion is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. Your involvement and any comments you make will be kept private and confidential. Responses from all focus group participants will be combined in a summary report that will not identify any individual or their answers. We ask that you show consideration for others and refrain from sharing information after leaving this focus group. This focus group will take about an hour.

Your personal information will not be connected to your remarks in any way. We will be recording this focus group, to more easily prepare our summary report. The recording will be destroyed after the report has been submitted. You will receive a \$75 gift card as a token of our appreciation.

There are no physical risks to you from participating in this focus group other than those associated with everyday living. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to. There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this focus group.

We may be joined by observers from our project team that are here to help take notes.

If you have any questions about this focus group, please ask your group moderator. If you have any questions about your rights as a study participant, you can call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number). For any other questions about the study, you can call Doug Currivan of RTI at 1-800-334-8571, extension 23334.

At the beginning of the focus group, the moderator will ask for your verbal confirmation that this information was provided to you, and you give your consent to participate in this focus group and allow recording.

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