

# NSDUH WEB PARENTAL PERMISSION AND YOUTH ASSENT TELEPHONE SCRIPTS

## Outbound Call Script for Youth Web Interview Parental Permission and Informed Consent (Inbound Call Script begins on page 10)

### DIAL 1 (CATI-CMS)

DIAL NUMBER

IF NO ANSWER, LEAVE MESSAGE ON 1st ATTEMPT (OR 1st TIME VOICEMAIL IS AN OPTION):

**MESSAGE:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ with RTI International. I am calling about an important research study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recently, someone in your household completed a brief set of questions online, so I am following up on those results.

I will try to call again. You can also call us back at your convenience by calling 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week.

We look forward to speaking with you soon. Thank you.

IF YOU GOT AN ANSWER:

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ with RTI International. I am calling about a study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recently, someone in your household completed a brief set of questions online, so I am following up on those results.**

### VERIFY CASE

**Are you an adult resident of [ADDRESS]?**

IF ASKED, AN ADULT IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

YES: PROCEED

NO: **Is there an adult resident available now that I may speak with?**

YES: INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND CONFIRM INFORMATION ABOVE. IF CONFIRMED, CLICK YES TO PROCEED

NO: **Thank you. I will try to call again. Or an adult resident of this household may call us back at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week.**

**Before I continue, your safety is important to us. I want to be sure you are at home, not walking or in an area where you might be distracted. Are you at home in a place where you can safely talk on the phone and answer my questions?**

YES: PROCEED

NO: **Thank you. I will try to call again. Or an adult resident of this household may call us back by calling 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

## ONE YOUTH IS SELECTED

Recently, a (AGE) year old resident of this household completed a brief set of questions online, and our scientific sampling process randomly selected one child in your household who is (AGE) years old to participate in a research study. I am calling to conduct the parental permission process with the child's parent or guardian. PROCEED TO "CONFIRM PARENT OR GUARDIAN" SECTION.

## TWO YOUTHS ARE SELECTED

Recently, a (AGE) year old resident of this household completed a brief set of questions online, and our scientific sampling process randomly selected two children in your household to participate in this research study: a (AGE) year-old and a (AGE) year-old. I am calling to conduct the parental permission process with each child's parent or guardian. PROCEED TO "CONFIRM PARENT OR GUARDIAN" SECTION.

## **CONFIRM PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

### ONE YOUTH SELECTED

Our records indicate that a (AGE) year-old child was randomly selected in your household to complete the full interview online.

**Are you the child's parent or guardian?**

**YES: What is your relationship to the child?** SELECT RELATIONSHIP AND CLICK SAVE.

- IF PARENT (INCLUDING STEP) : PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION.
- IF GUARDIAN: **Does the child have a parent living in the household?**
  - YES: **May I speak to that person?**
    - YES: WHEN PERSON JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE THE CHILD'S PARENT. IF THEY CONFIRM PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.
    - NO: **Please have a parent call us at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The child will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.
  - NO: PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION.

**NO: I apologize but I must speak to a parent or guardian for each selected child. Is there a parent or guardian available for me to talk to and may I speak to that person?**

- YES: WHEN PERSON JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, THEN CONTINUE.
  - **What is your relationship to the child?** SELECT RELATIONSHIP AND CLICK SAVE.

- IF PARENT (INCLUDING STEP): PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.
- IF GUARDIAN: **Does the child have a parent living in the household?**
  - YES: **May I speak to that person?**
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    - NO: **Please have a parent call us at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The child will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**
  - NO: PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.
- NO: **Please have a parent or guardian of the (AGE) year-old child call us at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The child will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

TWO YOUTHS SELECTED

**Our records indicate that two children were randomly selected in your household to complete the full interview online: a (AGE) year-old child and a (AGE) year-old child.**

**Are you a parent or guardian for at least one of the selected children?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW

NO: **I apologize but I must speak to a parent or guardian for each selected child. Is there a parent or guardian available for me to talk to and may I speak to that person?**

- YES: WHEN PERSON JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, THEN CONTINUE.
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**Are you the parent or guardian for both selected children?**

- YES: **What is your relationship to the children?** SELECT RELATIONSHIP AND CLICK SAVE.
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  - IF GUARDIAN: **Does either child have a parent living in the household?**
    - YES: **Are any of them available for me to talk to and may I speak with them?**
      - YES: WHEN PERSON(S) JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. CONFIRM THEY ARE THE CHILD’S PARENT. IF THEY CONFIRM PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.
      - NO: **Please have the (parent/parents) call us at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The children will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**
    - NO: PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION.
- NO: **Which child are you calling for? The [AGE\_A] year old or the [AGE\_B] year old?** DISCLOSE THE RELATION TO CLARIFY. SELECT A OR B TO PROCEED.
  - **Are you a parent or guardian for the selected [AGE] year old?**
    - YES: PROCEED BELOW
    - NO: CONFIRM ROSTER AGAIN AND DETERMINE IF THE PERSON ON THE PHONE IS THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF ANY ROSTERED CHILDREN. IF THEY ARE NOT: **Please have a parent call us back at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The children will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**
  - **What is your relationship to the child?** SELECT RELATIONSHIP AND CLICK SAVE.
    - IF PARENT (INCLUDING STEP): PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION.
    - IF GUARDIAN: **Does the child have a parent living in the household?**

- **YES: Is that person available for me to talk to and may I speak to them?**
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- NO: PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY

### ONE YOUTH IS SELECTED

**Is the child currently available to join us on the phone?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW.

NO: **I'm sorry, but I need to speak with both of you during this call to complete the parental permission process. Please call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when both of you are available to talk and when the child is available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**Is the child available to complete the online interview now?**

YES: PROCEED TO PARENTAL PERMISSION.

NO: **It is important for the child to start the online interview immediately after this call if possible. If that is not possible, after this call, the child may complete the online interview at any time prior to [MONTH, DAY, 2025] as long as your child is at home in a private location and a parent is also present in the home. Let's talk more about that now.** PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.

### TWO YOUTHS ARE SELECTED

**Are both children currently available to join us on the phone?**

YES: **Are both available to complete their online interviews now?**

- YES: PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION
- NO: PROCEED BELOW.

NO: **Is one of them available to join us?**

- YES: **Which child is available, the [AGE\_A] year old or the [AGE\_B] year old and is the child available to complete the interview now?** DISCLOSE THE RELATION TO CLARIFY. SELECT A OR B. IF THE CHILD IS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW, CLICK PROCEED. IF THE CHILD CANNOT COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW NOW CLICK CHILD NOT AVAIL.
  - NOT AVAIL A OR B: **It is important for the child to start the online interview immediately after this call if possible. If that is not possible, after this call,**

the child may complete the online interview at any time prior to [MONTH, DAY, 2025] as long as your child is at home in a private location and a parent is also present in the home. Let's talk more about that now.  
PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.

- **NO: I'm sorry, but I need to speak with each selected child and their parent or guardian during this call to complete the parental permission process. Please call us back when all three of you are available to talk and when both children are available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

## **PARENTAL PERMISSION**

### FOR ONE YOUTH

Your (AGE) year-old child has been selected to be in this study. Your child's participation is voluntary. This online interview asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health related issues. All of your child's answers will be confidential and used only for statistical purposes. The child must complete the interview at home with at least one parent present in the home for the entire interview. As the parent providing permission, if you cannot be at home for the entire interview, please advise another parent in the home of your child's participation in the study. It is important for your child to take part in this interview in a private location within the home where no one else can see the answers, including parents.

Your child may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make your child feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Your child can refuse to answer any questions and can stop the interview at any time. If your child becomes upset during the interview and wishes to speak to a mental health professional about how they are feeling, a toll-free helpline number is provided. If you have questions about your child's rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).

If your child has to stop the interview, after 15 minutes they will be logged out automatically and will need the Participant Code from the letter to resume their interview at the point where they exited. However, if they stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of their answers will be removed for security purposes to protect their privacy – they will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but they will need to start over.

**Do I have your permission to interview your child for this study?**

**YES: Thank you! Now, I need to speak to your child. PROCEED TO "YOUTH ASSENT" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.**

**NO: Thank you for your time. END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

### FOR TWO YOUTHS THAT SHARE PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your (AGE) year-old child and (AGE) year-old child have been selected to be in this study. Your children's participation is voluntary. This online interview asks about

tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health related issues. All of your children's answers will be confidential and used only for statistical purposes. Both children must complete the interview at home with at least one parent present in the home for the entirety of both interviews. As the parent providing permission, if you cannot be at home for the entirety of both interviews, please advise another parent in the home of your children's participation in the study. It is important for your children to take part in this interview in a private location within the home where no one else can see the answers, including parents.

Your children may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make them feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Your children can refuse to answer any questions and can stop the interview at any time. If either of your children become upset during the interview and wishes to speak to a mental health professional about how they are feeling, a toll-free helpline number is provided. If you have questions about your children's rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).

If either child has to stop the interview, after 15 minutes they will be logged out automatically and will need the Participant Code from the letter to resume their interview at the point where they exited. However, if they stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of their answers will be removed for security purposes to protect their privacy – they will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but they will need to start over.

**Do I have your permission to interview your children for this study?**

YES: **Thank you! Now, I need to speak to (your child/each child separately).**

SELECT A OR B, THEN PROCEED WITH THE QUESTION BELOW.

NO: **Thank you for your time.** END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**May I speak with the (AGE) year-old?** DISCLOSE THE RELATION TO CLARIFY. IF PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREES, CLICK SAVE.

YES: PROCEED TO "YOUTH ASSENT" SECTION.

NO: **I'm sorry, but I must speak with the child about the interview before we can begin. Are you comfortable with me speaking with your child?**

- YES: (PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREES): **Okay, thank you.**
- NO: **Thank you for your time.** END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

## YOUTH ASSENT

READ SCRIPT TO EACH YOUTH SEPERATELY  
SPEAKING WITH A [AGE] YEAR OLD

WHEN SPEAKING WITH CHILD: **Before we begin, I need to ensure your privacy. Are you at home?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW

**NO: It is very important that you complete the online interview at home. I cannot allow you to start the interview at this time. Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when your parent or guardian is available to talk and when you are available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

**This year, about 70,000 people across the nation will complete this interview. You have been randomly chosen to take part. You will represent over 1,000 young people in this country who are similar to you. You may choose not to take part in this study, but no one else can take your place. When you finish the interview, you will receive a \$30 gift card.**

**This study asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health issues. The data you provide are confidential. Only the combined responses from all 70,000 people will be reported, not just one person's answers.**

**While the interview has some personal questions, federal law keeps your answers private. Your participation is voluntary. You can quit the interview at any time by closing your browser window and you can refuse to answer any questions.**

**It is recommended you complete the entire interview in one sitting, which takes about an hour, depending on your answers.**

**If you have to stop the interview, after 15 minutes you will be logged out automatically and will need your Participant Code to resume the interview at the point where you exited. However, if you stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of your answers will be removed for security purposes to protect your privacy – you will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but you will need to start over.**

**You may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make you feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Remember, you can refuse to answer any questions and you can stop the interview at any time. If you become upset during the interview and wish to speak to a mental health professional about how you are feeling, you can call the toll-free helpline number provided in the online interview. If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).**

**Before you begin, I need to confirm several key requirements.**

**Are you a current resident of this household?**

**YES: PROCEED BELOW**

**NO: I apologize. I need to double check my records. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

**Are you at home in a private location?**

**YES: PROCEED BELOW**

**NO: Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when you are at home and can safely talk. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**



**Do you agree to proceed with the online interview?**

**YES: Thank you! You may now begin the online interview. To access the interview, please use the website address and participant code that was provided in the letter. If you need help with this, please ask an available parent for assistance.**  
CLICK SAVE TO CONTINUE. IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED, PROCEED BELOW  
**NO: Thank you for your time. NOTE [AGE FILL] YEAR OLD IR DECLINED INTERVIEW. CLICK SAVE. IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED, PROCEED BELOW, OTHERWISE END CALL.**

IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED AND OTHER YOUTH IS AVAILABLE TO BEGIN INTERVIEW  
NOW: **May I now speak with the (AGE) year-old?**

**YES: WHEN SECOND CHILD JOINS THE CALL, CLICK SAVE TO PROCEED TO THE YOUTH ASSENT SECTION.**

**NO: Okay. Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 at their convenience, any day of the week. The (AGE) year-old will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

CLOSE THE CURRENT BROWSER WINDOW TO RETURN TO THE CATI SYSTEM

IF R TELLS YOU THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE LETTER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS THE SURVEY WEBSITE AND THE PARTICIPANT CODE, PLEASE TELL THEM FOR SECURITY REASONS WE CANNOT GIVE THE PARTICIPANT CODE OVER THE PHONE. WE WILL SEND A NEW LETTER TO THE ADDRESS WE HAVE ON FILE

BUTTON – “SEND NEW LETTER”

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### INTRODUCTION

Hello, thank you for calling RTI, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. How can I help you? CONFIRM CALLER'S INTENT IS TO PROVIDE PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR YOUTH INTERVIEW(S).

Your safety is important, so I want to be sure you are at home, not walking or in an area where you might be distracted. Are you at home in a place where you can safely talk on the phone and answer my questions?

YES: PROCEED

NO: Are you able to move to a place within your home where you can safely talk?

- YES: PROCEED
- NO: Please call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when you are at home and can safely talk. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

### VERIFY CASE AND PARTICIPANT CODE

Please look at the letter your household received about the study and tell me the participant code that is provided on the letter.

ENTER PARTICIPANT ID  
CONFIRM ID WITH CALLER  
CLICK SUBMIT

- IF HOUSEHOLD HAS MISPLACED THE LETTER/CODE: **Unfortunately, you must provide the participant code to begin the parental permission process. We can send a replacement letter to the address the original letter was sent to. What is that address?** IF CALLER REFUSES TO PROVIDE ADDRESS OR DOES NOT WANT A REPLACEMENT LETTER, CLICK NO.
  - ENTER ADDRESS
    - BEGIN SEARCH BY SELECTING STATE AND OR ZIP FIRST THEN NARROW BY OTHER ADDRESS ELEMENTS. SELECT THE CORRESPONDING ADDRESS LISTED, CONFIRM WITH RESPONDENT. CLICK SEND, THEN: **It will take approximately three business days to receive the replacement letter. Please call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when you have the code. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**
  - NO: **Please call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when you have the code. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**
- IF PARTICIPANT CODE INDICATES THAT NO ONE SELECTED: **The participant code \_\_\_\_\_ indicates that no one at this household is eligible for the interview or the participant code is invalid. Please check the value and read it back to me.** RE-ENTER AS NEEDED. IF THERE CONTINUES TO BE ERRORS WITH PARTICIPANT CODE, ISSUE REPLACEMENT LETTER.

To confirm I am speaking with the correct household, please tell me your address.  
CONFIRM THE SDU IS [ADDRESS FILL].

YES: PROCEED  
NO: RE-ENTER ID

## ONE YOUTH SELECTED

Our records indicate that a (AGE) year-old child was randomly selected in your household to complete the full interview online.

**Are you the child's parent or guardian?**

YES: **What is your relationship to the child?** SELECT RELATIONSHIP AND CLICK SAVE.

- IF PARENT (INCLUDING STEP): PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION.
- IF GUARDIAN: **Does the child have a parent living in the household?**
  - YES: **May I speak to that person?**
    - YES: WHEN PERSON JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE THE CHILD'S PARENT. IF THEY CONFIRM PROCEED TO "PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.
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    - IF GUARDIAN: **Does the child have a parent living in the household?**
      - YES: **Is that person available for me to talk to and may I speak to them?**
        - YES: WHEN PERSON JOINS, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. CONFIRM THEY ARE THE CHILD’S PARENT. IF THEY CONFIRM PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION.
        - NO: **Please have a parent call us at 1-800-848-4079, any day of the week. The children will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.
      - NO: PROCEED TO “PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY” SECTION.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUTH IR AVAILABILITY

### ONE YOUTH IS SELECTED

**Is the child currently available to join us on the phone?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW.

NO: I'm sorry, but I need to speak with both of you during this call to complete the parental permission process. Please call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when both of you are available to talk and when the child is available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**Is the child available to complete the online interview now?**

YES: PROCEED TO PARENTAL PERMISSION.

NO: It is important for the child to start the online interview immediately after this call if possible. If that is not possible, after this call, the child may complete the online interview at any time prior to [MONTH, DAY, 2025] as long as your child is at home in a private location and a parent is also present in the home. Let's talk more about that now. PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.

### TWO YOUTHS ARE SELECTED

**Are both children currently available to join us on the phone?**

YES: **Are both available to complete their online interviews now?**

- YES: PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION
- NO: PROCEED BELOW.

NO: **Is one of them available to join us?**

- YES: **Which child is available, the [AGE\_A] year old or the [AGE\_B] year old and is the child available to complete the interview now?** DISCLOSE THE RELATION TO CLARIFY. SELECT A OR B. IF THE CHILD IS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW, CLICK PROCEED. IF THE CHILD CANNOT COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW NOW CLICK CHILD NOT AVAIL.
  - NOT AVAIL A OR B: **It is important for the child to start the online interview immediately after this call if possible. If that is not possible, after this call, the child may complete the online interview at any time prior [MONTH, DAY, 2025] as long as your child is at home in a private location and a parent is also present in the home. Let's talk more about that now. PROCEED TO "PARENTAL PERMISSION" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.**
- NO: I'm sorry, but I need to speak with each selected child and their parent or guardian during this call to complete the parental permission process. Please call us back when all three of you are available to talk and when both children are available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

## PARENTAL PERMISSION

### FOR ONE YOUTH

**Your (AGE) year-old child has been selected to be in this study. Your child's participation is voluntary. This online interview asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health related issues. All of your child's answers will be confidential and used only for statistical purposes. The child must complete the interview at home with at least one parent present in the home for the entire interview. As the parent providing permission, if you cannot be at home for the entire interview, please advise another parent in the home of your child's participation in the study. It is important for your child to take part in this interview in a private location within the home where no one else can see the answers, including parents.**

**Your child may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make your child feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Your child can refuse to answer any questions and can stop the interview at any time. If your child becomes upset during the interview and wishes to speak to a mental health professional about how they are feeling, a toll-free helpline number is provided. If you have questions about your child's rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).**

**If your child has to stop the interview, after 15 minutes they will be logged out automatically and will need the Participant Code from the letter to resume their interview at the point where they exited. However, if they stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of their answers will be removed for security purposes to protect their privacy – they will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but they will need to start over.**

**Do I have your permission to interview your child for this study?**

**YES: Thank you! Now, I need to speak to your child. PROCEED TO "YOUTH ASSENT" SECTION BY CLICKING SAVE.**

**NO: Thank you for your time. END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**

**FOR TWO YOUTHS THAT SHARE PARENT/GUARDIAN**

**Your (AGE) year-old child and (AGE) year-old child have been selected to be in this study. Your children's participation is voluntary. This online interview asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health related issues. All of your children's answers will be confidential and used only for statistical purposes. Both children must complete the interview at home with at least one parent present in the home for the entirety of both interviews. As the parent providing permission, if you cannot be at home for the entirety of both interviews, please advise another parent in the home of your children's participation in the study. It is important for your children to take part in this interview in a private location within the home where no one else can see the answers, including parents.**

**Your children may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make them feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Your children can refuse to answer any questions and can stop the interview at any time. If either of your children become upset during the interview and wishes to speak to a mental health professional about how they are feeling, a toll-free helpline number is**

provided. If you have questions about your children's rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).

If either child has to stop the interview, after 15 minutes they will be logged out automatically and will need the Participant Code from the letter to resume their interview at the point where they exited. However, if they stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of their answers will be removed for security purposes to protect their privacy – they will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but they will need to start over.

**Do I have your permission to interview your children for this study?**

YES: **Thank you! Now, I need to speak to (your child/each child separately).**

SELECT A OR B, THEN PROCEED WITH THE QUESTION BELOW.

NO: **Thank you for your time.** END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**May I speak with the (AGE) year-old?** DISCLOSE THE RELATION TO CLARIFY. IF PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREES, CLICK SAVE.

YES: PROCEED TO "YOUTH ASSENT" SECTION.

NO: **I'm sorry, but I must speak with the child about the interview before we can begin. Are you comfortable with me speaking with your child?**

- YES: (PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREES): **Okay, thank you.**
- NO: **Thank you for your time.** END CALL. PARENT REFUSAL HAS BEEN MARKED, ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

## YOUTH ASSENT

READ SCRIPT TO EACH YOUTH SEPERATELY  
SPEAKING WITH A [AGE] YEAR OLD

WHEN SPEAKING WITH CHILD: **Before we begin, I need to ensure your privacy. Are you at home?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW

NO: **It is very important that you complete the online interview at home. I cannot allow you to start the interview at this time. Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when your parent or guardian is available to talk and when you are available to begin the online interview. Thank you for your time.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**This year, about 70,000 people across the nation will complete this interview. You have been randomly chosen to take part. You will represent over 1,000 young people in this country who are similar to you. You may choose not to take part in this study, but no one else can take your place. When you finish the interview, you will receive a \$30 gift card.**

**This study asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health issues. The data you provide are confidential. Only the combined responses from all 70,000 people will be reported, not just one person's answers.**



**While the interview has some personal questions, federal law keeps your answers private. Your participation is voluntary. You can quit the interview at any time by closing your browser window and you can refuse to answer any questions.**

**It is recommended you complete the entire interview in one sitting, which takes about an hour, depending on your answers.**

**If you have to stop the interview, after 15 minutes you will be logged out automatically and will need your Participant Code to resume the interview at the point where you exited. However, if you stop the interview and do not resume within 4 weeks, all of your answers will be removed for security purposes to protect your privacy – you will still be able to complete the interview and receive a \$30 gift card but you will need to start over.**

**You may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make you feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Remember, you can refuse to answer any questions and you can stop the interview at any time. If you become upset during the interview and wish to speak to a mental health professional about how you are feeling, you can call the toll-free helpline number provided in the online interview. If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, call RTI's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043 (a toll-free number).**

**Before you begin, I need to confirm several key requirements.**

**Are you a current resident of this household?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW

NO: **I apologize. I need to double check my records.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**Are you at home in a private location?**

YES: PROCEED BELOW

NO: **Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 when you are at home and can safely talk. Thank you for your time.** END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.

**Do you agree to proceed with the online interview?**

YES: **Thank you! You may now begin the online interview. To access the interview, please use the website address and participant code that was provided in the letter. If you need help with this, please ask an available parent for assistance.**

CLICK SAVE TO CONTINUE. IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED, PROCEED BELOW

NO: **Thank you for your time.** NOTE [AGE FILL] YEAR OLD IR DECLINED INTERVIEW. CLICK SAVE. IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED, PROCEED BELOW, OTHERWISE END CALL.

IF TWO YOUTHS SELECTED AND OTHER YOUTH IS AVAILABLE TO BEGIN INTERVIEW NOW: **May I now speak with the (AGE) year-old?**

YES: WHEN SECOND CHILD JOINS THE CALL, CLICK SAVE TO PROCEED TO THE YOUTH ASSENT SECTION.

**NO: Okay. Please have your parent/guardian call us back at 1-800-848-4079 at their convenience, any day of the week. The (AGE) year-old will also need to be on the call as well. Thank you for your time. END CALL. ENTER NOTES AND CLICK SAVE.**