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APPENDIX C- 3. Parent Consent Form



Parent/ Legal Guardian Consent Form: Prevention and Preservation - Digital Stories and Diabetes Prevention

Location: (ONE OF TWO RESEARCH WORKSHOPS)

Date & Time: XX-October 2012 and XX August 2013

Introduction for Parents

Your child is being invited to participate in two workshops related to the development of digital stories, part of a project entitled: Prevention and Preservation - Digital Stories and Diabetes Prevention. Building on the success of the Digital Harvest project from two years ago this research project will expand the number of youth and elders engaged in and trained in digital stories collection. Your child is being invited to participate in this project because of your child's practical knowledge and experience. If you agree to your child's participation in this project your child will mentor youth in systematically documenting knowledge of one of the 3 cultural groups on Vancouver Island (Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw) and in determining the most effective practices for transmitting cultural knowledge related to nutrition, traditional foods, and/or healthy lifestyles to other youth and to your communities.

Purpose and Objectives

Through the collection of digital stories related to health, lifestyle and community history, this project will focus on enhancing intergenerational knowledge sharing and connection to community and supporting the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

What is involved

Participation in this project will involve engaging and connecting with interested Island Youth, Elders and Knowledge keepers who would like to apply to attend the two workshops. Your child's time commitment will be a total of (3 days total) for training and information sharing and additional time to organize and coordinate with the Digital harvest coordinator. If you agree to allow your child to voluntarily participate in this research project they will meet with other youth, elders and facilitators to learn about and discuss some of the issues related to food, food security, traditional foods and colonial history on Vancouver Island. Your child will also gain skills in the method of 'photovoice', a method to take photos that are representative of food gathering or healthy lifestyle practices and in the collection of digital stories. After the workshop your child will work on creating their own digital story(ies) with knowledge keepers or elders of your/their choice. Once your child's images are collected they will attend a final workshop when all the digital stories will be put together, presented and analysed. Discussions in the workshops will be audio-taped and kept for the duration of the research project. The tapes of the discussions will be transcribed.

Time Commitment

Participation in this study may cause some inconvenience to you child, primarily the amount of time they will need to devote to it. It is impossible to say exactly what the time requirements for your participation in this research project will be, although it is expected to include 3 days of workshops, at least 4 hours for image collection/photography and possibly additional time for involvement in the exhibition or presentation of their digital stories. This project will take place between August 2012 and Dec 2013.

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Risks

There are minimal risks to your child associated with their involvement in this research. These risks may include a lack of anonymity if your child chooses to have themselves featured in a digital story or a lack of privacy when topics around food, cultural practices and lifestyles are discussed within a group setting.

Benefits

Systematically documenting the knowledge of Elders and community members to determine the most effective practices for transmitting cultural knowledge related to nutrition, traditional foods, and/or healthy lifestyles to other youth and to your communities has the potential to benefit many. Your child will learn research and video production skills. After the research is completed you will receive a recommendation letter and you will be able to put this work experience on your resume.

Compensation & Voluntary Participation

All travel costs, equipment and food costs will be covered. Your child's participation in this research must be completely voluntary. If they decide to participate, they may withdraw at any time without any consequences or any explanation. If they do withdraw from the study, the data will only be used if they give permission for its use.

Anonymity, Privacy & Confidentiality

In terms of protecting your child's anonymity, it will be their choice as to whether they choose to be featured in a digital story or prefer to collect only the photos and voices of others. They will have the option of choosing a pseudonym for all references made to the information you provide, It will be their choice where their digital story is shared. *Vancouver Island University is accountable for all information collected, used or disclosed for this study.*

In terms of protecting your child's privacy, they will be reminded to be careful regarding the information they choose to share in group discussions regarding food, cultural practices and lifestyle. Although researchers will keep discussions private and will ask that the privacy of all be maintained, they cannot guarantee privacy of discussion. Your child will be reminded to safeguard themselves by not sharing information that would be personally detrimental if shared outside of the discussion. Their confidentiality and the confidentiality of the data will be protected by ensuring that all data from the interviews are stored in password protected computer files, however if they choose to share their stories on line, please note that it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality (see footnote 2 for details.)

Gathering of Data

These digital stories contain data gathered about the experiences of participants, by teams of fellow participants. Your child's data will not be gathered in any way unless they agree. Data gathered may include: written stories or descriptions from participants, audio recordings of participants, photos of participants, posting to social media sites or short videos of participants.

You are given the choice about the types of data that you are willing to share.

Please put your initials on the line provided only if you agree to the gathering of this type of information to be used for digital stories:

Written stories _____ Audio recordings _____ Photos _____ Video recordings _____

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Dissemination of Results

Your child's name will not appear in any of the disseminated material unless they decide they want their name shared. They will have the option of using a pseudonym if desired. It is anticipated that the digital stories created in this study will be shared with others in a number of ways: through discussion with other participants, at community presentations and exhibits, through scholarly presentations and/or publications, through on-line sharing and networking/communications (e.g. Facebook¹), and posting and sharing of Videos/pictures on YouTube and/or Facebook²

Please put your initials on the line provided only if you agree to your child's digital stories being shared upon completion in the following ways:

With other participants _____ Community presentations and exhibits _____²

Scholarly presentations _____ Scholarly publications _____

On-line sharing and networking, communications (e.g. Facebook³) _____

Posting and sharing of Videos/pictures on YouTube and/or Facebook⁴ _____

Posting your information to a social media site eg., Facebook, Youtube means that you give up control of the information. You will not be able to remove or delete it from the site and its future use is beyond your control.

Disposal of Data

All paper records will be shredded and destroyed after five years, but electronic files will be stored indefinitely to ensure the transfer of knowledge continues. Digital stories stored on-line through YouTube will be stored in perpetuity, open for all to see and stories stored through VICCFIN will be stored indefinitely, unless participants request for stories to be taken down.

For Further Information

¹ Participants may decide as a group to start a Facebook page as a communication and networking tool

² Please note that posting stories on YouTube and Facebook exposes participants to a certain amount of risk, as stories can be freely shared, stories are open for all to see, in perpetuity. Also, these sites store information on US-based servers, making content subject to US laws. Risks will be discussed in the workshops and minimized as efforts will be made to ensure no sensitive, personal information is presented in stories that are posted to these sites. All participants will be given the opportunity to review and approve stories before they are posted. The ability to comment on YouTube videos will also be removed to mitigate the possibility of unwanted commentary. The advantage of YouTube and Facebook is that it increases the accessibility of the stories, increasing their audience and potential impact.

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Individuals that may be contacted regarding this study include Sarah Fletcher (250-818-0471) and Jennifer Mullett (250-740-6618).

If you have any concerns about your treatment as a participant in this research, please contact the VIU Research Ethics Officer, by telephone at 250-753-3245 (ext. 2665) or by email at reb@viu.ca or VIHA research ethics office, by telephone at 250-370-8620 or by email at margo.farren@viha.ca

Your signature below indicates that you understand the above conditions of participation in this study, that you have had the opportunity to have your questions answered by the researchers, and that you agree to participate in this research project.

Name of Participant

Signature

Date

A copy of this consent will be left with you, and a copy will be kept on file by the researcher.