

Parent Letter of Information USU Relationship Education Programs – HS

Purpose & Procedures: Utah State University (USU) educators are teaching the PICK program in high schools who partner with USU. PICK is an educational program that teaches about healthy relationships. We ask student participants to take a short survey to help us understand their experiences in the class. Dr. Bradford in USU’s Department of Human Development and Family Studies is overseeing the evaluation. Youth are asked to complete a survey at the beginning of a course and at the end. The surveys take about 10 minutes each to complete. Participation is voluntary. No one has to participate in the surveys. The surveys can be seen online at <http://healthyrelationshipsutah.org/HS-PICK-Surveys>

Risks, Benefits, Confidentiality, & Voluntary Nature: There is minimal risk to participating. Students learn about making healthy relationship choices based on assessing knowledge and trust. In surveys and interviews, we use only codes, no names. Students may skip questions they do not want to answer. Participation in any and all aspects of this program is by choice: youth may choose not to participate in any part of program, or stop at any time. We are required by state law to report child abuse and neglect as well as domestic violence witnessed by children. Research records are kept confidential, in keeping with federal and state regulations. Only Dr. Bradford and his research team will have access to completed surveys and attendance information which will be kept in secured locked storage facilities. If the results are published or presented, codes and names will never be listed. ID codes and surveys will be kept for three years following the end of the project to ensure accuracy of data, and then the codes, surveys, and audio recordings will be destroyed.

Questions: If you have questions about the survey, you may reach Dr. Bradford at (435) 797-5454 or k.bradford@usu.edu. This letter is to inform you that your child/student has the choice of participating in this education and survey. They are not required to participate and may ask any questions about this survey now or later.

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