

**Growing up with Media**  
**Child Assent for Participation in Research**  
**Wave 4**

Title of research project: Growing Up With Media

Purpose of the assent form: To tell you about the survey

Purpose of the research study: To understand how media may be affecting youth sexual experiences and behavior

Group conducting data collection: Harris Interactive

You are one of about 1,600 young people and their parents who we have asked to take the “Growing Up With Media Year 4” survey. This page explains this research study. Please read it carefully.

Your parent or guardian received an email from us that had a link to this survey. They have finished the Adult Survey. Now, it is your turn to answer questions in the Youth Survey. It will take you about 30 minutes.

It is important that you fill out the survey by yourself. You need to be in a place that is private and where you feel safe. No one should be able to see your answers. No one should tell you what your answers should be.

We will not share your answers with your parents or anyone else outside of the research team. Your answers will be kept in a safe place. We will never associate your responses to any personal information you provide. Your answers will only be reported together with others and will not be traced back to you.

We will mail you a gift card for \$25 after you do this survey.

We will ask you and your parent or guardian to fill out two more surveys on the Internet. The next survey will be one year from now and the last survey will be two years from now. If you do the survey next year, you will get another \$25 gift card. In the third year, you will get a \$35 gift card after you complete that survey.

Some of the questions we ask are about exposure to violence including sexual violence, physical

and verbal abuse, and related content seen on TV, the Internet, video games, and movies. We also will ask about things like substance use such as drinking and smoking and experiences with sexual pictures. In order to understand why some kids have unhealthy relationships, we need to ask these questions of young people. Your answers help us to better understand things that teens and young adults are doing so that we can help them live more healthy lives. Your participation is very important.

Taking this survey will not help or hurt you. Some young people said that some of the questions in the last survey made them upset. You should know that the survey asks you about things you may have seen or done that might be hard to talk about.

You do not have to answer any question you do not want to for any reason. Your answers are important to us.

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If you have questions about the study, or any concerns about the study questions, please contact:

- Dr. Michele Ybarra at 1-877-302-6858 or [Michele@ISolutions4Kids.org](mailto:Michele@ISolutions4Kids.org).

If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or if you feel that you have been harmed in any way by taking part in this study, please contact:

- By mail:

Study Subject Adviser  
Chesapeake Research Review, Inc.  
7063 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 110  
Columbia, MD 21046

- or call collect: 410-884-2900
- or by email: [adviser@irbinfo.com](mailto:adviser@irbinfo.com)

Please reference the following number when contacting the Study Subject Adviser: Pro00004131.

If you feel very sad or upset after taking this survey, please talk to someone. You can:

- Call the National Mental Health Information Center for help finding a mental health professional in your area. Call toll-free at: 1-800-789-2647 or visit them online at <http://www.mentalhealth.org/>. The phone call and information is free.
- Call the RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network) Hotline anytime at: 1-800-656-HOPE, or get help on their online hotline at <http://www.rainn.org/>.

If you are in serious distress right now or at any time, such as thinking about hurting yourself, we urge you to contact the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at: 1 800-273-TALK (8255).

Your parent or guardian has told us that it is all right for you to be in this study. We also want to make sure that it is okay with you. You can choose to be in the study. You can choose not to be in the study at any time. Your parent or guardian also can choose to stop being in the study at any time. If you or your parent wants to stop taking part in the study, please email us at Michele@ISolutions4Kids.org. If you or your parent stops being in the study, we will not contact you again. It will not hurt you or your parent if either of you chooses not to be in the study.

To help us protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This Certificate means that we can keep your information private even if we get a court order telling us to share your information. We will use this Certificate to fight demands for your information unless you tell us you want us to share the information. But in the unlikely event that you tell us that you are being abused, then under applicable law we may be required to report this information to the appropriate authorities.

Now, please print out this page with the contact information.

Please read everything. By selecting “Yes” below, you agree to take the surveys. If you choose not to take the surveys, we have just a few more questions for you.

Do you want to take this survey?

- 1 Yes, I want to take the survey.
- 2 No, I do not want to take the survey.

**BASE: DOES NOT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE (Q1500/2)**

Q1515 We thank you for your time and respect your decision not to participate in the Growing Up With Media survey. To help us design future surveys, please tell us why you did not agree to take the survey.