

GUY2GUY PHASE TWO CONTENT ADVISORY TEAM: INTERVENTION GROUP INFORMED ASSENT/CONSENT FORM

The Center for Innovative Public Health Research and Northwestern University are developing a healthy sexuality and HIV prevention program for teenage males who are gay or bisexual. The program will be sent to young people through text messaging. This research study is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

We are asking you to take part in our Content Advisory Team (CAT). The CAT will last for about 1.5 weeks. We will ask you to review and give feedback on the program text messages. The messages talk about things like dating, sex, using condoms, and choosing not to have sex.

Here's how it will work:

1. The program has six different lessons and about 250 text messages in total. In the first week, we will ask you to review the messages. We will send you a link to an online survey. There, you will read the messages and provide feedback on each one (so things like the message tone, whether they are interesting to you, etc.)
2. The next week, we will ask you to take part in a 1.5 day focus group. It will be online. You will log in twice each day (once in the morning, and once in the afternoon in Day 1, and then in the morning of Day 2) and answer questions.

The text messages talk about having same-sex partners, so it is possible that your privacy will be broken if someone sees your computer screen. It is very important that you use a computer that is in a private place.

To protect your privacy in the online discussion, it's a good idea to create a user name that is different from your real name. If you are part of an online community, think about using a different user name here.

Also, we ask you and the other CAT members to keep what we talk about private. Please do not share with others what we talk about in the meeting. We cannot guarantee that everyone will keep the information private.

We don't know if you will benefit from being part of the study, but your answers are important: Your participation will really help us design a better health program, which will benefit guys like you in the future.

You will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card for providing your feedback on the text messages. You will receive an additional \$20 Amazon gift card for participating in the online discussion. In total, you can receive up to \$50 in an Amazon gift card for participating in this research study.

We will keep a copy of your answers so that we can look at them later. Only Dr. Mustanski and people who work with him will be able to see your answers. Your name and contact information will be kept separate from your feedback during the CAT.

To help us protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). With this Certificate, we cannot be forced to share information that may identify you, even by a court subpoena, in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal administrative legislative, or other proceedings. We will use the Certificate to refuse to give anyone information that will identify you, except when you tell us it is okay to do so. But in the unlikely event that you tell us that you are currently abusing or planning to abuse a child, or you're planning to harm yourself or another person, then we will report this information to the appropriate authorities. For additional information about Certificates of Confidentiality see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/policy/coc/faqs.htm>.

It is your choice to take part in the CAT or not. If you decide not to take part nothing bad will happen.

Do you have any questions about the information that I just read to you, or about the study?

Do you agree to participate in this study?

[If yes; agree to participate]: Great! I will email you a copy of this assent form. If you have questions about this study, please contact me by email at Tonya@InnovativePublicHealth.org or call 1 877.302.6858, ext. 806. You can also contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Brian Mustanski (email: brian@northwestern.edu; [insert phone number]).

If you have any concerns about your rights in this research, please call the Institutional Review Board Office of Northwestern University at (312) 503-XXXX.

[If no; do not agree to participate]: Thank you for your time. We respect your decision not to take part in the CAT. To help us design future focus studies, can you please tell me why you decided not to take part?