



Minor's Assent to Be in a Research Study Clemson University

ASSESSING MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL HEALTH (MESH) PERCEPTIONS OF YOUTH IN CAMPS

Dr. Barry Garst is inviting you to volunteer for a research study. Dr. Garst is a Professor at Clemson University who is conducting this study with Dr. Tracey Gaslin (with the Alliance for Camp Health), Dr. Michael Ambrose (with CampDoc), Dr. Carissa Bunke (with University of Michigan Medicine), and Ms. Alexandra Skrocki (graduate student at Clemson University).

Why are we conducting this research?

The purpose of this research is to better understand how the camp community is experiencing and responding to issues associated with the Mental, Emotional, and Social Health (MESH) of youth. To this end, this study will examine MESH issues experienced by youth participants in out-of-school time settings such as camp and examine tools, measures, and resources useful for MESH screening, assessment, and response.

What will I have to do?

You will be asked to complete an online pre and post survey/screening tool. You may refuse to answer or stop taking the survey/screening tool at any time if you become uncomfortable.

Audio/Video Recording and Photographs

There are no audio/video recordings and/or photographs as part of the study.

Are there any potential harms or risks if I take part in the research?

Although there is always the potential for minimal risks in any social-behavioral science research involving personal questions, we do not anticipate any physical harm or emotional, social, or financial risks to participants during our research. The survey items are not invasive, and they are typical of questions asked in research with youth of this age. We are using questions informed by previous studies.

Are there any benefits if I take part in the research?

We do not know of any way you would benefit directly from taking part in this study. Your answers will be used to help inform strategies for supporting youth health during camp.

Will I receive any gifts for taking part in the research?

No, no gifts are available for participating in this study.

Do I have to take part in the research?

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part and you may choose to stop taking part at any time. You will not be punished in any way if you decide not to be in the study or to stop taking part in the study. You will still be able to take part in all camp activities if you decide not to be in the study or stop taking part in the study.

What if I have questions?

You can ask questions now or later. If you have questions later, please email Dr. Barry Garst at the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management at bgarst@clemson.edu.

By being in this study, you are saying that you were given a copy of this form, have read the form, been allowed to ask any questions, and voluntarily choose to take part in the research.