



Dear Participant:

Thank you for your interest in our study of adolescents.

My name is Dr. Chris Browning and I am a professor of sociology at The Ohio State University. My colleagues and I are conducting research on the day-to-day lives of young people.

We want to ask you a series of questions about the places you go during the week and the people you interact with at these places. You will not be giving us the full names of these people; instead, you can make up nicknames or just give us their first name and the first initial of their last name to protect their privacy.

The interview should take you and your parent or guardian approximately 40 minutes. Our interviewers have been trained by The Center for Human Resource Research, part of Ohio State University.

As with any survey conducted by The Ohio State University, your participation is completely voluntary. You can refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer, and you can end the survey at any time. If there is a question you don't know the answer to, just say "don't know" and the interviewer will move on to the next question.

Any personal information you give us will be kept confidential and secure in a database at The Ohio State University.

The data from this study will be used to see if a new survey technology can work in the real world. If the technique works in this study, then the process will be used in a larger study in the future.

If you decide to participate, we can provide you with a certificate for community service hours if needed. We can also offer you a Target gift card as a token of our appreciation.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact me at 614-292-2983. (If you have any concerns about the way in which the interview is conducted, you may contact Ms. Sandra Meadows at The Ohio State University's Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251.) Again, we thank you for taking time to consider sharing your information with us.

Sincerely,

Christopher Browning, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology
The Ohio State University