

## Mailings to Respondents and Letter from the PI

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The next several pages show what the project has already sent the respondents. You should be familiar with these. They contain some very helpful hints on how to answer respondent questions and help you convince the respondent to do the survey.

Page 2 is the flyer we distributed to schools and local businesses in our sample.

Page 3 is the Principal Investigator letter to participants.

Page 4 is the letter we mailed to many households in our sample.

## ***Are you between the ages of 11 and 17?***

***Are you willing to help test out a new survey technology?***

***Do you need some social service hours for a class at school?***

***Would you like to receive a Target gift card for participation?***

If you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and the answer to any of the three questions above is yes, we would like to talk to you about participating in a survey about who you hang out with, where you go, and what you do during a typical school week.

Dr. Christopher Browning of the Sociology Department at The Ohio State University is looking for young people between the ages of 11 to 17 to take a survey on their social networks and the locations of different types of activities they engage in during a typical school week. Dr. Browning is working with the Center for Human Resource Research at The Ohio State University to see if a new survey technology on locating places will work in the real world.

If you are interested and think that your parent or guardian would be willing to answer some questions about your household and your normal school week schedule we would like to talk to you or your parent. If you decide to participate, we can provide you with a certificate of community service hours and a Target gift card.

Please call our Survey Coordinator at **614-962-OHIO(6446)** if you have any questions or would like to set up an interview.

If you have any concerns about the interview, you may contact Ms. Sandra Meadows at The Ohio State University's Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251.



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



December 2, 2010

Current Resident

«STREET»

«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

*Is your child between the ages of 11 and 17?  
Would you and your child like to be part of an Ohio State  
study?*

Researchers from the Center for Human Resource Research at The Ohio State University are looking for parents and young people between the ages of 11 to 17 to be in a pilot study to test out a new survey technology that may be useful in studying local communities. **The parent and one young person from each household who participate in the survey will receive gift cards to Target for their time.** Your child will also receive a certificate for community service hours. The interviews are under the direction of Dr. Christopher Browning of the OSU Sociology Department.

*Our interviewers will be in your neighborhood soon.  
To schedule your appointment please call our Survey  
Coordinator at **(614) 962-OHIO (6446)**. We look  
forward to talking to you!*

If you have any concerns about the interview, you may contact Ms. Sandra Meadows at The Ohio State University's Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1 (800) 678-6251.

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