

Consent to Participate in the Statewide Evaluation of First 5 California

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Introduction. First 5 California supports programs to help all children in California enter kindergarten physically and emotionally healthy and ready to succeed in school. The information collected in this study will help First 5 California learn which programs are successful and help us improve all programs.

You/your child are invited to participate in this study because you/your child are receiving First 5 services. Participation is not mandatory. If you do not wish to be in the study, you/your child will continue to receive all First 5 services.

Procedures. If you agree to be in the study, we will ask you questions regarding your pregnancy, the birth of your child, and his/her growth and behavior. The questions will take about 10 minutes. We will not ask you questions about alcohol/drug use or any arrests or convictions. If you/your child continue in First 5 programs, and you agree, we will follow up with similar questions approximately every 6 months to see how you/your child are doing.

Benefits. There are no direct benefits to you/your child for being in the study. However, your information may help us improve future First 5 programs.

Risks. There is a very small risk for you/your child to be in the study. Someone could learn that you/your child are in the study. But First 5 has very strict requirements on keeping what you tell us private. Only authorized persons will have access to what you tell us. Your name and personal information will never be used in reports. The exception is if you tell us something that indicates that you/your child may be harmed; we must take action so that this will not happen.

Questions. If you have questions regarding the study, you may contact **Julio C. Rodriguez at (760) 482-2997, via email at jcr@co.imperial.ca.us or at the above mailing address.**

Voluntary Participation. You/your child can still receive all First 5 services if you don't want to be in the study. When we ask questions, you don't have to answer any question that you don't want to answer. You can stop being in the study at any time and still receive all First 5 services. You can fill out a form requesting that you stop being in the study and your data will be erased.

Research Subjects Bill of Rights. You/your child have rights as research subjects. Attached is a copy of the Research Subjects Bill of Rights for you to keep.

I agree to participate in the above study. I have had my questions answered.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Child (1) _____

Name of Child (2) _____

Name of Child (3) _____