



Consent Form

Multilevel protective factors for LGB youth in North America

You are invited to be in a research study that focuses on supports, resources and messages for lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) young people in your community. Please read this form and feel free to ask any questions you may have about the study.

This study is being conducted by researchers at the University of British Columbia School of Nursing (Elizabeth Saewyc) and the University of Minnesota Medical School (Marla Eisenberg) and School of Nursing (Carolyn Garcia).

The purpose of this study is to learn about supports and resources for LGB young people in different communities around British Columbia and Minnesota and what people think about them. Your input is important, and will be used to create an LGB Environment Inventory to collect data from numerous cities, towns and communities and identify helpful services to promote LGB young people's health.

An interview and tour will take place, which will be audio-taped, and photographs will be taken (you will not be in the photographs). We will ask you to show us around your neighborhood or community (however you define it) physically and/or on-line, and share your views regarding the LGB resources, services and messages there. We will get around by walking, taking public transportation (e.g. bus) or driving, and you may choose. The interview and tour should take about 90 minutes. At the conclusion of the interview, we may ask if you are willing to be contacted by phone to discuss data synthesis and confirm that we are accurately representing your interview; this is not a requirement of your participation.

There are two possible risks of participating in this study. First, it is possible that other people may discover your sexual orientation. However, you can choose where to go and what to say (or how loudly to say it) in order to minimize this risk. Second, the questions or our conversation might make you feel uncomfortable. You can choose not to answer any question or to end your participation at any time if you feel uncomfortable. The only direct benefit of participation is the possibility of learning about additional LGB resources in your community.

The opinions expressed in the tour and interview will be kept confidential. In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify you or anyone else participating in this study. Only the research team will have access to the original recordings.

There will be no charge to participate in this study, and you will receive a \$50 gift card for your participation. You will not be required to respond to any particular questions, and will be free to withdraw at any time. The decision whether or not to participate will not affect current or future relations with the University of British Columbia or the University of Minnesota.

The researcher conducting this study is Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc. If you have any questions you may contact her at 604-822-7420. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher, you are encouraged to contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at 604-822-8598.

You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.

Please see reverse for statement of consent.

Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Signature

Date

Signature of Investigator

Date