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Parental Consent Form – Online Survey

Project: Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience June 2017 – June 30, 2019

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Purpose: The Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience Project is gathering knowledges from diverse communities and sources to host a symposium entitled “Indigenous Women’s Knowledges,” and create a digital research centre dedicated to housing databases, research project findings, publications, and other sources dedicated to Indigenous women, trans, two-spirit, and youth. By participating in this study, your child’s anonymous written or verbal contribution will shape future workshops and the research centre, which may be a digital or physical space. This project aims to build a research centre that is created by and made to serve the needs of Indigenous communities.

This project explores the tools of resiliency that are already present in the people and can be seen as a method of empowerment to create change - in ourselves, in our communities and policies of government. By participating in an interview, written survey, or a focus group, we will document your child’s opinions on resilience and practices of resilience so they might be used to empower Indigenous youth to end the violence directed towards them. Children’s contributions in this study will remain anonymous. The benefit of participating in this study is that your child’s opinion will shape the proposal so that the research centre reflects the wisdom and needs of the communities they should serve.

Although our research has a focus on resiliency, we understand this can be a sensitive and difficult subject area. This project seeks to avoid re-traumatizing, exploiting and/or trivializing the hurt and pain resulting from colonial violence and to alleviate any distress, we have put in place cultural and ceremonial options for our participants.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary and your child's name will be kept private in our study and publications. Participants may, at any point, end participation in the study without penalty or judgement. Ending your participation will not damage your or your child current or future relationship to the University of Alberta or the investigators. If you share your knowledge with us and then wish to withdraw, we seek permission to include your child's anonymous contribution in our project. If you wish the contribution to be withdrawn from the study, this is yours and your child's decision and there is no penalty. Data may be withdrawal until the point where any written work has been sent to peer review.

Our principle investigator will secure all records collected from this study in a locked filing cabinet for five years and will be subsequently included in the Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience Research Centre Archive. If you have any questions about the project now or afterward, please feel free to contact the Principal Investigator or Study Coordinator whose contact information is at the top of this form.

This project is unaffiliated with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Although we are independent from the National Inquiry, we respect their goals to find and honour the truth about the violences experienced by women and youth.¹

Please contact the project team above with any questions. Completion of the online survey implies consent of the above.

**The plan for this study has been reviewed by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call (780) 492-2615. This office is independent of the researchers.*

¹ <http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>.