*Child or Adolescent Information Sheet Template*

***California State University, Dominguez Hills***

***Study Information Sheet***

**(Insert Title)**

*[The information sheet should be no more than one page in length. Delete all instructional language (in blue) prior to submission to the IRB.]*

Introduction:

**Write a brief introduction of the project in “child-friendly” terms, and tailor it to different age groups and reading levels to ensure that it is developmentally appropriate for your sample.** Be sure to check for comprehension. Describe why the study is being done. Provide an explanation as to why the child has been chosen to participate in the study. For example, you may include a statement like this: “You are being asked to participate in a study by (insert names) at (CSUDH or another organization) about [topic]. We want to learn more about [topic].

Description of the Study:

**Describe what is being asked of the participants; include the procedures to be followed, and how long they will take.** For example, you may include a statement like this: “The study involves [insert study activity], which should take about 15 minutes to complete.”

Risk(s) and Discomfort(s):

**Describe the risks, discomforts, and inconveniences that can be expected and the**

**likelihood/frequency that they will occur.** An example of this would be: “You may feel

uncomfortable answering questions about [topic].” **Make it clear that**

**participation is voluntary and they can choose not to participate and that they can**

**withdraw from the study at any time without being penalized.**

Confidentiality:

**Include a statement about confidentiality.** For example: “This study is anonymous, so any information that you provide cannot be traced back to you.”

Questions:

If appropriate, indicate that the child should ask any questions that come to mind and can consult with their parent(s) before making a decision if that is more comfortable.

Contact information:

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, please feel free to contact[*Include your name, phone number and/or email.*]

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact the California State University, Dominguez Hills IRB Office at 310-243-3756 or irb@csudh.edu.

**This study information sheet is for you to keep.** “Please save or print a copy of this page for your records or take a screenshot of it.” If applicable, be sure to include in your online survey instrument a checkbox indicating that the subject agrees to participate in the study.