



C O L L E G E C H I C A G O

## **Informed Consent Form**

TITLE OF RESEARCH STUDY:

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR: Name and phone numbers

RESEARCH SUPERVISORS: (contact if you have questions about the research, or research participants' rights):

Chair of Thesis Committee:

### INTRODUCTION

You are being asked to take part in a research study at Columbia College Chicago. This consent form contains information you will need to know to help you decide whether to participate in the study or not. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what I may ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When I have answered all your questions, you can decide if you want to participate in the study. This process is called 'informed consent.' You will receive a copy of this form for your records.

### PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study is (in one or two sentences)

### PROCEDURES

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to do the following things: (clearly, in bullet form, what they expect to happen)

### POSSIBLE RISKS OR DISCOMFORTS

The physical risks in this study are

If you feel you need help to resolve or cope with these feelings, you may...

## POSSIBLE BENEFITS

The possible benefits of being in this study include

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Everything you do or say in the group sessions and final interview will remain confidential. This means that the investigator will keep the names and other identifying information of the research participants private. The investigator will change the names and identifying information of research participants when writing about them or when talking about them with others, such as the investigator's supervisors. The data (information) that comes out of the study, both in writing and on audiotape, will be kept in a locked filing cabinet and they may be destroyed at some point in the future. No one else besides the investigator will have access to the original data.

## RIGHTS

Being a research participant in this study is voluntary. You may choose to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. You may also refuse to participate at any time without penalty. If you have any questions about the study or your rights as a research participant, you may contact the researcher or the research supervisor listed above.

## COST or COMMITMENT

(if applicable, time included)

## PARTICIPANT'S STATEMENT

This study has been explained to me. I volunteer to take part in this research. I have had opportunity to ask questions. If I have questions later about the research or my rights as a research participant, I can ask one of the contacts listed above. I understand that I may withdraw from the study or refuse to participate at any time without penalty. I will receive a copy of this consent form.

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**Printed name of participant**

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**Signature of participant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Printed name of principle investigator**

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**Signature of principle investigator**

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**Date**