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Longitudinal Study of Child Development in Québec ÉLDEQ (E5) – 2002 Round

Informed consent form

I understand that this form is part of the study entitled "In 2002... I'll be 5 years old!" and is being conducted by a group of researchers from five Québec universities (Concordia University, Université de Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, Université Laval and McGill University) and the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) and the ministère de la Famille et de l'Enfance, in co-operation with the Direction Santé Québec of the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ). Under section 25 of the *Act respecting the INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC*, these researchers are subject to the confidentiality provisions of this ACT. The Direction Santé Québec of the ISQ will conduct analyses with these researchers and publish results in various publications.

I have been advised that the PURPOSE of this study is to collect information about factors influencing child development in Québec.

I understand that my participation in this study is entirely VOLUNTARY, of MY OWN FREE WILL, and that the information I provide will be handled CONFIDENTIALLY and that I will NOT BE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIED in the reporting of the results. All information that I provide about ME, MY SPOUSE OR MY CHILD/CHILDREN or of which I authorize the use, will be handled and protected as required by the *Act respecting the INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC*. The Québec Access to Information Commission authorized the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux to give the Direction Santé Québec of the ISQ my address, which was used to contact me.

I understand that an interviewer selected by the Direction Santé Québec of the ISQ will come to my home to complete questionnaires with me and play some simple games with my child. The interviewer will also leave other questionnaires to be filled out by me/my spouse and returned by mail. The interviewer has informed me that the interview in my home generally lasts 2 hours.

I also understand that to confirm my participation in the other parts of this annual study, the Direction Santé Québec of the ISQ will contact me over the next year.

I, the undersigned, freely agree to take part in this longitudinal study. I certify that the study has been verbally explained to me, that all my questions have been answered and that I was given enough time to come to this decision on my own.

I, the undersigned, further understand that I may withdraw my consent to participate at any time without penalty to me in any way.

Signature of Respondent

Date

Signature of Respondent

Reserved for signature of interviewer

I have explained to the signatory, to the best of my ability, both the purpose and nature of the study at hand. I asked him or her whether he or she had any questions, and then answered them as required. In my opinion, the signatory is perfectly aware of the study methodology, the implications of his or her involvement therein, and the VOLUNTARY nature of the consent provided. I have left the original of this consent form with the signatory and shall remit the second original to the authorities conducting the study entitled "In 2002... I'll be 5 years old!".

Signature of interviewer

Date