

ASSENT FORM – Minors

INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of a consent form for minors, called an Assent Form, is to help the investigator protect *subjects* by *informing* them about the research and their rights as human subjects, even as a minor. There are four components in achieving this goal when research involves minors: the consent process and the consent form for parents; and the consent process and assent form for minors. A minor in the State of Texas is an individual under the age of 18.

CHILD ASSENT FORM

EXAMPLE

I am here today because I am interested in learning more about kids. I hope that you and your mom can help me today. I'm going to ask you and your mom to play a game and then I'm going to ask your mom to talk to you. After that, you and I are going to play a bunch of different games together. I'm going to videotape all of this with my camera over there so I can remember everything that happened today. I'm going to give you some stickers for playing games with me and at the end you can pick a prize to keep.

Helping me today is up to you. If you decide you don't want to play these games with your mom and me, that's okay, nobody will be mad at you.

If you want to help me today, I'm going to ask you to write your name on this line. Let me know if you need some help writing your name.

Child Name

Date