



Consent and Information Release For youth 9 to 13 year olds and their parents/guardians

Child and Youth Well-being Survey

I understand by allowing my child to participate in the “Child and Youth Well-being Survey”, their answers are being collected by the Children and Youth Planning Table (CYPT) the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) at the University of Waterloo to try to make life better for all children and youth in Waterloo Region.

I understand their participation is *entirely voluntary*. All of the findings will be compiled so my child cannot be identified. They are not asked for their name or address at any point during the survey. I acknowledge that some questions might be difficult for some children to answer; for example, there are questions about any experiences of bullying your child may have had and questions on whether they engage in certain risky behaviours (e.g., substance use). They can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. I understand that all of these questions are being asked because the more information gathered, the better we can understand what life is like for children and youth.

My child can change their mind about taking part in the survey and withdraw their participation simply by not submitting their survey. Once they submit the survey, it will not be possible to withdraw consent as we have no way of knowing which responses are your child’s. We will keep the data file of survey responses for a minimum of 10 years. Survey results will be used to create a summary report. Once ready, this summary will be available for you and your child on the CYPT website this fall.

I give the CIW at the University of Waterloo permission to collect my child’s responses, to compile them in a summary report, and to share it with CYPT and its partners.

Given the information above:

By providing my consent, I am not waiving my legal rights nor releasing the investigator(s) or involved institution(s) from their legal and professional responsibilities. I hereby give permission to use, collect, store, and dispose of the information provided by my child for the following uses: **(1) to help improve the quality of life of children and youth in Waterloo Region; (2) to develop a report that reflects the needs of children and youth, and assists in addressing gaps; and (3) to be used by the Canadian Index of Wellbeing at the University of Waterloo to further research on well-being.**

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE# 43196). If you have questions for the Committee contact the Office of Research Ethics, at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 36005 or ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca.

I confirm that I have read the information on the page linked to this consent and release form and understand the proposed uses of the survey information. I understand and accept these conditions related to the Child and Youth Well-being Survey.

Parent/Guardian:

Accept

Child:

Accept
and Start
Survey