

WHY IS INFORMED CONSENT AND YOUTH ASSENT NEEDED?

- Informed consent provides research participants with sufficiently detailed information on the study so that they can make an informed, voluntary, and rational decision to participate
 - Informed consent applies to research participants 18 and older
- Youth assent is a term used to express willingness to participate in research when individuals are too young to give informed consent but old enough to understand the proposed research
- Youth assent applies to research participants younger than 18

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS ABOUT THE INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS & IN THE CONSENT FORM?

- Purpose of the study
- Expected duration
- Data collection procedures
- Information on their right to decline or withdraw
- Foreseeable consequences of withdrawing or declining
- Potential risk, discomfort or adverse effects
- Prospective research benefits
- Incentives, such as payment or rewards
- Whom to contact with questions

HANDOUTS 9 AND 10

- **Template for parent / guardian consent form**
- **Template for youth assent form**