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Parent/Legal Guardian Consent to Participate in a Research Study Titled: Policing, Trauma and Health and Wellbeing Among African Americans in a Midwestern City

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Introduction: Your child is invited to participate in a research project being conducted by Dr. Robert L. Peralta, a faculty member in the Department of Sociology at The University of Akron. The research is a part of "The Conversation" series offered by Cleveland Community Organizations.

Purpose: The purpose of this research is to understand the association between policing and mental health and well-being among Cleveland's African American Community. Our intent is to collect anonymous survey data on mental health and well-being and perceptions of policing among African American residents of Cleveland. We also will take notes of what participants say in public at the event but no identifiable details. We hope to recruit approximately 100 adolescent participants.

Procedures: With your consent and your child's permission, your child will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey before The Conversation starts. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and no one will be able to connect responses to your child. Next year, we will send an email to you asking if you would like your child to answer the same questions again.

We will also take notes on what your child says during the public discussion at "The Conversation." We will not take direct quotes of what your child says, and we will not use your child's name in our notes. Children with permission will be given two GREEN stickers to place on each of their sleeves to indicate our ability to take notes on what those who have GREEN stickers say. Students who do not agree to participate or whose Parent/Legal Guardians do not consent to their child's participation will be given RED stickers which will indicate to the research team that no notes will be taken from those wearing red stickers.

Exclusion: Only African American adolescents are eligible for this study because we want to better understand health and well-being of African American adolescents.

Risks and Discomforts: The survey may pose some psychological discomfort. We have provided a list of resources for your child should any discomfort emerge from taking part in the survey.

Benefits: Your child will receive no direct benefit from participation in this study, but his/her participation may help us better understand the association between policing and health/mental health, well-being, and policing in Cleveland.

Payment to Participants: If you agree to have your child participate, your email address will be included in a drawing to win one of Three Amazon Gift Cards valued at \$100 each. We ask that you provide your email address so that we can enter your child into the raffle. Three parental or legal guardian email addresses will be randomly selected after the event. The owner of the selected parental or legal guardian email address will be notified that their child has won one of three amazon gift cards.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw: Participation in this study is voluntary. Your child can refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time and will involve no penalty. Your child can be part of The Conversation without taking the survey.

Following your consent, participation of your child in this study remains voluntary. Your child will also be asked to provide assent to participate and may refuse even if you consent. Your child can also refuse to answer any questions and may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. They would remain eligible to win a Gift Card.

Anonymous Data Collection: Data collection will be anonymous. Names of participants will not be recorded in any way. Your child's name will not be taken down and will not be noted in our observation notes.

The term anonymous is used when the investigator collects no identifying information about subjects, and thus, an individual data sheet cannot be connected to a specific participant (by the investigator or anyone else) once the data is collected.

No identifying information will be included in the data your child provides. Your signed consent form, and their assent form, will be kept separate from the data, and nobody will be able to link their responses to them. Also, we will not take down direct quotes. We will only record general conversation topics.

Who to contact with questions: If you have any questions about this study, you may call Dr. Robert L. Peralta, at 330-972-6915 or email me at rp32@uakron.edu.

This project has been reviewed and approved by The University of Akron Institutional Review Board. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call the IRB at (330) 972-7666.

Acceptance & signature: I have read the information provided above and all of my questions have been answered. I voluntarily agree to the participation of my child in this study. I will receive a copy of this consent form for my information.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian email address

Name of Child _____

Below is a list of service agencies that you might find useful.

List Of Service Agencies

YWCA

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA Greater Cleveland is committed to the liberation of all people marginalized by their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, housing status, or religion.

4019 Prospect Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103 | Phone: 216-881-6878 | Fax: 216-881-4564 | info@ywcaofcleveland.org

Murtis Taylor: Human Services System

Murtis Taylor Human Services System is a county-wide United Way charitable organization that provides Behavioral Health, Addiction, Youth, Family, and Senior Services.

Main Campus - Mt. Pleasant | 13422 Kinsman Road | Cleveland, OH 44112 | Phone 216-283-4400

| <https://www.murtistaylor.org/services>

Project Lift

Creating a safe space for Black teens, adults, and fathers to re-imagine the possibilities through social justice and prevention advocacy that builds resilience while empowering them to be transformative members of society. Project LIFT serves as a prevention and social justice agency that provides behavioral health services to Black teens and fathers at risk of homelessness, economic instability, and incarceration to ensure they successfully transition into independence.

<https://projectliftservices.org/>

Mental and Emotional Centers of Ohio

Mental and Emotional Wellness Centers of Ohio (MEWCO) is a community of mental health practitioners who share common goals of providing excellent mental healthcare for their clients as well as career development within the mental health profession. MEWCO offers supervision hours, a shared work environment to help reduce start-up costs, and a revenue sharing structure higher than most private practices in Northeast Ohio. Our goal is for you to work for you while improving the quality of life of our clients.

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