



APPENDIX H: SAMPLE PARENT CONSENT FORM

Ashford University Institutional Review Board

Parent Consent Form for (Project Title)

Dear Parent:

Your child is being invited to participate in a research project conducted by _____, who is a (graduate student/doctoral candidate/faculty member) at Ashford University.

The purpose of this project is to (describe project in language the parent can easily understand).

Your child will be asked to (explain specifically what the subjects are going to be asked to do) that will take about (give time commitment) of their time. (If applicable, sample questions or description should be inserted here).

The potential risks associated with this study are (include any foreseeable risks or discomforts to subject). We expect the project to benefit your child in these ways (include any foreseeable benefits).

Your child's individual privacy will be maintained in all publications or presentations resulting from this study. (Describe the methods you intend to take in order to protect your subjects' confidentiality/anonymity or explain that subjects' names may be used in the final research document. If you conduct an experiment where the subjects will be audio and/or video tape-recorded, you must explain what the disposition of the tapes will be at the conclusion of the study.)

If you agree to allow your child to participate in this project, please understand that his/her participation is voluntary and that you and your child have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time with no penalty. Your child will also have the right to refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason with no penalty.

If you have any questions regarding this project, you may contact the researcher at: _____.

If you have questions regarding your or your child's rights as a research participant or any concerns regarding this project, you may report them—confidentially, if you wish—to _____ the Ashford University chairperson of the Institutional Review Board at _____.

A copy of this consent form will be provided to you.

I understand the above information and voluntarily consent to have my child participate in the research.

Signature of Parent: _____

Name of Child: _____ Date: _____

IRB Approval Number: _____ IRB Expiration Date: _____

