IRB# 2011W9332

Hays County Juvenile Center Program Evaluation

Assent Form

Based on your entry date at the Hays County Juvenile Center, you are eligible to participate in a research project being conducted at the Hays County Juvenile Center. LT Griffis is conducting a program evaluation as a requirement for his educational goals at Texas State University. The purpose of the study is to attempt to understand our progress at promoting change in the lives of our kids. LT Griffis may be reached by calling the Hays County Juvenile Center at (512) 393-5220.

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time. There will be no punishment for refusal to participate, and no favoritism or other rewards for agreeing to participate. You will be asked to answer about 130 questions on a couple of surveys which will be very useful for us in our effort to understand how well we are helping you, our client. It should take about an hour to complete the surveys and this will be done during down time during the daily routine of the facility so you will not miss any important programming.

Your answers will remain completely confidential and will not be shared with your counselors, probation officers, parents/guardians or anyone else aside from me, the researcher. I will only read your response scales and not the corresponding questions. Should you choose to participate, you will be assigned a numerical code in place of your name. This code will be recorded on your response sheet and the code sheet will remain locked in an office at Texas State University to protect your confidentiality. I will keep your data collection sheets in a locked personal file and may hold on to the information you provide for future research opportunities. Your name and any responses that you provide on the surveys will remain completely confidential at all times.

Any pertinent questions about the research, research participants' rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – lasser@txstate.edu), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102). Should you want to access the results of the study you may contact LT Griffis at the Hays County Juvenile Center by calling (512) 393-5220.

LT Griffis: Participant:

Date: