IRB# 2011W9332

Hays County Juvenile Center Program Evaluation

Consent Form

Based on his/her entry date at the Hays County Juvenile Center, cadet is eligible to participate in a research project being conducted at the Hays County Juvenile Center. This research is being conducted by John Griffis, a graduate student at Texas State University under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Eichler, as an educational requirement at Texas State University. The purpose of the study is to conduct a program evaluation of the post adjudication program at the Hays County Juvenile Center in an attempt to better understand our progress at promoting change in the lives of our kids. John Griffis may be reached by calling the Hays County Juvenile Center at (512) 393-5220.

The cadet's participation in this research is entirely voluntary and he/she may withdraw or refuse to participate at any time. There will be no punishment for refusal to participate, nor will there be any incentives or favoritism for choosing to participate. Cadets will be asked to answer approximately 130 questions on a series of surveys. This information will be very useful for us in our effort to understand how well we are helping our clients and should take about an hour to complete.

All answers will remain completely confidential and will not be shared with the clients' counselors, probation officers, parents/guardians or anyone else aside from John Griffis, the researcher. All responses to the questionnaires will be recorded on data collection sheets showing only the responses to the questions (on a 1-5 likert scale). The actual questions and corresponding responses from the cadet will not be recorded on the sheets, only the response number. At the top of the data collection sheets the cadet's age, gender, and an assigned numerical code in place of his/her name will be recorded as well. Each cadet who chooses to participate in the study will be assigned a numerical code and this code will be used in place of the cadet's name on the data collection sheets to protect confidentiality. This code sheet will remain locked in Dr. Eichler's office at Texas State University and will be destroyed once the data collection process of the study is complete. At that time it will be impossible to link answers back to the participants or identify who chose to participate. John Griffis will keep all data collection sheets in a locked personal file and may hold on to the information obtained for future research opportunities. Consent and Assent forms will be kept for one year after completion of the study then they will be destroyed as well to further protect the confidentiality of the participating cadets' identities.

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 contact LT Griffis at the Hays County Juvenile Center by calling (512) 393-5220. As the Facility Administrator, you have the legal authority to provide consent for the cadet named above to participate in this research.

John Griffis: Facility Administrator:

Date: