Title of Research Study: Are You Ready? The College Transition

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Why am I being asked to take part in this research study? What is the reason for doing the study?
As a participant in Are You Ready? The College Transition you will be asked your perceptions of your and your student’s readiness to transition to college and to assess the value of the educational program of Are You Ready? The College Transition.

What Information will be collected about me? You and your student will be asked to complete the following instruments:
- End of session evaluation
- 9-month Follow-Up Evaluation (administered electronically)

What are the risks and discomforts? It is not possible to identify all potential risks in research procedures, but the researchers have taken reasonable safeguards to minimize any known risks to the participant. Risks might include loss of confidentiality and emotional or psychological distress.

What are the benefits to me and other people? The results from this study will be used to make program improvements to Are You Ready? The College Transition; as well to help garner funding for program enhancement.

Do I have to take part in the study?
Your participation in this research is your choice. If you decide to participate in the study, you may change your mind and stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are already entitled.

What are the alternatives to being in this research study? Instead of being in this research study, you can choose not to participate.

Who will see the information that I give?
We will keep private all research records that identify you. Your information will be combined with information from other people taking part in the study. When we write about the study, we will write about the combined information that we have gathered. You will not be identified in these written materials. We may publish the results of the study; however, we will keep your name and other identifying information private.
We will make every effort to prevent anyone who is not on the research team from knowing that you gave us information, or what that information is. For example, your name will be kept separate from your research records and these two things will be stored in different places under lock and key.

What if I have questions?
Before you decide whether to accept this invitation to take part in the research study, please ask any questions that might come to mind now. Later, if you have any questions about the study, you can contact the researcher, Sharon Query at Sharon.Query@ndsu.edu.

What are my rights as a research participant?
You have rights as a participant in research. If you have questions about your rights, or complaints about this research, you may talk to the researcher or contact the NDSU Human Research Protection Program by:
- Telephone: 701.231.8908
- Email: ndsu.irb@ndsu.edu
- Mail: NDSU HRPP Office, NDSU Dept. 4000, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.
The role of the IRB is to see that your rights are protected in this research; more information about your rights can be found at: www.ndsu.edu/research/irb.

Documentation of Informed Consent for yourself and your student:
You are freely making a decision for you and your student to be in this research study. Signing this form means that
1. you have read and understood this consent form
2. you have had the consent form explained to you
3. you have had your questions answered,
4. you give consent for my student to be in the study, and
5. you have decided to be in the study.

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.

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Your signature                                      Date

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Your printed name

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Your student’s printed name

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Signature of researcher explaining study            Date

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Printed name of researcher explaining study