



## **Parent's/Caregiver's Understanding of Legal Rights in New Zealand INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS**

### **What is the aim of the project?**

When people, including children and young people, are questioned, detained or arrested by police they are read the Rights Caution for the purpose of providing them with legal protection. In New Zealand, children and young people are also allowed support from an adult such as their parent or caregiver. There is no New Zealand research and very little international research which has investigated parent's/caregiver's understanding of their children's rights, their attitudes towards those legal rights, and their understanding of police practices when children and young people are arrested or questioned. This project aims to fill this gap and give insight into whether best practice is being followed for young people in New Zealand.

*This research has been approved by the School of Psychology Human Ethics Committee under the delegated authority of Victoria University of Wellington's Human Ethics Committee (Project #27451).*

### **How can you help?**

You have been invited to participate in this study because you are the parent or caregiver of a child between the ages of 10 and 18 years. If you agree to take part in this study a member of the research team will interview you. You can choose to be interviewed in person at a public space (such as a library), or in a phone interview. The interview is expected to last 15-20 minutes. You will be asked questions about each of the key aspects of the rights, your understanding of what happens during police questioning, and your attitudes towards your child's legal rights. You will also complete an online questionnaire which will take about 5 minutes to complete. You will be given a link to the online survey if you decide to do a phone interview. If you decide to talk to us in person, we will give you a device that you can do the survey on, or we can give you a hard copy of the questionnaire if that would be easier for you. Because we are wanting to look into people's existing knowledge of the rights, we ask that you do not research or discuss them, at home or with others until after the interview.

A member of the research team will audio record the interview and type it up later to create a transcript. We will check with you at the beginning and throughout the interview that you are still happy to participate. You can choose not to answer any question or stop the interview at any time, without giving a reason. You can withdraw from the study by contacting a member of the research team any time up until 2 weeks after your interview has been completed. If you would like to withdraw from the study, the information you provided, including the audio recording, will be destroyed.

You will not be asked about your own or your child's experiences/contact with the police. However, if you reveal information that we are required by law to report, then the researchers may need to tell someone (e.g. the Police or Oranga Tamariki), but we will try to discuss this with you first. This includes any safety concerns or knowledge of crimes that you discuss.

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### **What will happen to the information you give?**

- This research is confidential. This means that the researchers named below will be aware of your identity but the research data from all participants will be combined and your identity will be not revealed in any reports, presentations or publication.
- Consent forms (including contact details) will be kept securely for approximately 5 years after publication of the report, and then destroyed.
- Audio recordings will be destroyed after they have been transcribed.
- The transcriptions, which will contain no identifying information, may be kept indefinitely.
- The transcripts may be used in future research, and may be shared with other researchers in this area.
- Results, including quotes, from this research may be used in things such as publications, presentations, etc., however they will contain no identifying information, such as your name.
- We will not be giving individual feedback about what we talk about in the interview, but you will be able to access a summary about the results from all participants at the websites below.

Your child has been invited to participate in another part of this study on the Rights Caution (Part one). You are not required to participate in this study for your child to participate, and you can participate even if your child does not wish to participate. However, if your child is participating in this research, please indicate so in the consent form below. The identifying information you provide will be used to link your data with your child. You will not know what your child has told us, and your child will not know what you told us.

If you choose to participate, you will be given a koha, e.g. a supermarket voucher, to thank you for your time.

### **Overall Study Results:**

A summary of the overall results from this study will be made available on both Dr Clare-Ann Fortune's (<http://youthfpsy.com/>) and Dr Deirdre Brown's (<http://applieddevelopmentallab.com>) websites in mid-2020. If you would also like us to send you a summary of the results, please write your email address in the consent form below.

### **If you accept this invitation, your rights as a research participant are:**

- to choose not to answer any question;
- ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview
- withdraw from the study up until two weeks after your interview has been completed
- ask any questions about the study at any time
- to confidentiality

### **If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact us:**

#### **Principle investigators:**

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If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Victoria University HEC Convenor, Dr Judith Loveridge. Email [hec@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:hec@vuw.ac.nz) or telephone +64 463 6028.

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**Part Two: Consent Form**

*This consent form will be held for 5 years.*

If you wish to take part in the proposed study, please read the following carefully:

- I have read the information concerning the proposed study and I am aware of the type of information that is required.
- My questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I can ask further questions at any time.
- I agree to take part in an audio recorded interview.

I understand that:

- Participation in this study is voluntary and I can withdraw at any time, up until two weeks after the interview has finished.
- The audio recording I have provided will be destroyed after the transcripts have been made.
- If my child is participating in Part One of this research, our information will be used to link our data together, but we will not know what each other has said.
- The identifying information that I provide, such as emails and consent forms, will be kept confidential to the research team.
- What I say during the interview may be used as quotes in publication. However, these quotes will be used to illustrate a point and will contain no identifying information about me.
- Identifying information such as emails and consent forms will be kept approximately 5 years after publication and will then be destroyed.

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- The results, including quotes and transcripts, will be deidentified and may be stored long term to be used in things such as publications, presentations and shared with other researchers in this area.
- I will not be given individual feedback about what I am asked about in the interview, but will be able to access a summary of the overall results from all participants.
- I understand that the project is not asking about experiences with the police, or any crimes. I know that the researchers will tell the police if I talk about any information about a crime, or if any concerns are held about someone's safety.
- I would like to receive a summary of the results of this research sent to my email address below (please circle):    *Yes*            *No*

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child (if participating in Part One): \_\_\_\_\_