Participant Consent Form and Guidelines

Purpose and Objective

We are excited to have your youth be part of the Rising Up Together Youth Program! In respect to you and your youth participating in this program, we would like your consent for them to give their feedback through surveys to measure their progress in this program and help build an empowering program for future participants!

Procedures

The youth participating in Rising Up Together's youth program will receive a qr code or the instructor will email or give a paper copy of a survey form for the youth to fill out at the end of each life skill they learn. We also would like one parent/guardian to fill out a survey at the beginning and end of the program to help us measure the effectiveness of the program in teaching important life skills.

Funded by

This program is funded by generous individuals and sponsors! We are grateful for the community support.

Potential Risks

We ask the youth very general questions, not anything sensitive in nature, such as rating 1 to 5 on an activity or lesson. We also ask open ended questions such as, "What do you hope to get out of this program?" Or "What did you learn most from the Cultivating Confidence through Kindness lesson?" The youth can answer these questions how they like and do not have to answer any question if they do not want to.

Potential Benefits

We see this as a great benefit to the youth because through this they come to know themselves better and they may commit themselves to implement the positive life-skills being taught!

This is a tremendous service as the feedback we receive from the responses makes this program possible for numerous youth and families to be empowered by life skills that connect them to others, build confidence and kindness, find purpose, and build resilience for life!

Compensation

This program is truly a labor of love! Everyone part of this program is a volunteer and currently not receiving any compensation for the work we do! As the program develops there may be a need to hire paid staff members, but for now, everyone is in it to help and inspire the youth to become the best they can be! Please reach out to us If you are interested in volunteering in this great program!

No youth or anyone involved in these surveys will receive compensation of any kind.

Confidentiality

We do not have youth share their names while conducting these surveys. We have a system so they can track their surveys through their first and last initials and birth month and year while keeping each participant as anonymous as possible.

- a) The data will be published and possibly presented to communities to help them see the importance of bringing this program to more youth. All information will be left anonymous so that no one can identify individuals.
 - b) We may quote what is said from a participant's response but anything written cannot identify individuals.
 - c) It is possible that youth may be identifiable to other people on the basis of what they have reported but we will protect the data, privacy, and make it as anonymous as possible.

This survey is hosted by Google Forms. Please see the following for more information on the "Google Forms Privacy Policy."

Storage of Data

Our team uses Google Cloud to securely store data. This data is shared with a small group of staff to protect ourselves and others privacy. It will be stored at a minimum of 7 years as required by law.

Right to Withdraw

- Participation in this survey is voluntary.
- You can decide not to participate at any time by closing your browser or choosing not to answer any questions. Survey responses will always remain anonymous. Since the survey is anonymous, once it is submitted it cannot be removed.
- Your right to withdraw data will apply until the last day of the program. After this, it is possible that some form of research dissemination will have already occurred and it may not be possible to withdraw your data.
- Whether you choose to participate or not will have no effect on being part of this empowering youth program.

Follow up

To obtain results from the study, please email us at <u>riseup@risinguptogether.org</u> to see how you and your youth made a difference!

Questions or Concerns:

Please email us at riseup@risinguptogether.org with any questions or concerns you may have.