

Cuídate

Parental Consent Form

Your child(ren) is (are) invited to participate in *¡Cuídate!*, an exciting and fun program to help Latino youth learn about their health and positive health behaviors. *¡Cuídate!* is designed to provide Latino youth with the knowledge, motivation and skills necessary to help them behave in ways that will support good health and protect them from serious health problems like HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The program aims to use Latino cultural beliefs to frame abstinence and condom use as effective ways to prevent unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

During the *¡Cuídate!* program, your child will be involved in a variety of learning experiences, including small group discussions, films/videos, games, exercises, and role-playing designed to teach youth about different health issues-including teen pregnancy, STDs and HIV/AIDS-and how they can be avoided.

The study: Your child(ren) will be asked to participate in a survey that will help to evaluate the efforts of *¡Cuídate!* among Latino youth in Oregon. Participants will be asked to take a survey two (2) times: at the beginning of the program and immediately after the program. The survey will ask about things such as knowledge about HIV/AIDS, future educational aspirations and health behaviors such as sexual behavior (if applicable). Each survey will take about 20 to 25 minutes to complete.

Risks/benefits: The only risks involved with this study involve the possibility that questions regarding knowledge or sexual behavior may be considered sensitive.

Confidentiality: The records of this study will be kept private. Since the survey will ask only for gender and age, it is not possible to identify participants by name. Consent forms will be kept securely along with results for 3 years after completion of this study. No one will know what your child(ren) reports, as they will be instructed to not include their names and other identifying information on the surveys.

Voluntary nature/questions: Your child(ren) will have the opportunity to not take this survey. If your child(ren) decides not to take the survey, they will still be allowed to participate in the program and any services obtained from the organization will not be impacted in any way. Your child(ren) can discontinue participation in *¡Cuídate!* at any time. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact LaShanda Eller at 971-673-0370 or Lindsay Weaver at 971-673-1398.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian if Participant is under 18

Date