**Helping Students with Traumatic Brain Injury Transition Back into School**

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**Youth Assent and Authorization**

**WHAT IS RESEARCH?**

We are asking you to be in a research study. Research is a way to test new ideas. Research helps us learn new things. Being in research is your choice. You can say Yes or No. Whatever you decide is OK.

**WHY ARE WE DOING THIS RESEARCH?**

Sometimes kids who hurt their heads need some extra help when they get back to school. In this research study we want to understand what school is like for kids after a head injury and what kind of help kids need.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE RESEARCH?**

You will be asked to tell us about your experiences in school. Your parents will also answer some questions about your injury and your schoolwork. One or two of your teachers will also answer some questions about you and your schoolwork. Your parents and teachers have already decided to be in this study. Your parents gave us permission to talk to you about it, too.

**WHAT ARE THE GOOD THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN FROM THIS RESEARCH?**

A specially trained person may come to your school to help your teacher learn the best way to help you learn. Your parents might get extra help in working with people at your school, Being in this research may not help you right now. When we finish the research, we hope that we will know more about how to help kids who have hurt their heads get back to school as easily as possible. This may help other children with head injuries later on. You will be paid $20 for completing the interview.

**WHAT ARE THE BAD THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN FROM THIS RESEARCH?**

Being interviewed about your injury and school experiences may make you feel nervous or uncomfortable. Here’s what we will do to keep this from being a problem:

* The person interviewing you is trained to notice when people are uncomfortable. He or she will ask if you would rather not answer that question.
* You can stop the interview at any time. If you feel uncomfortable after the interview is over, you can tell us not to use the information you provided.
* If you continue to feel bad, we will give your parents the names of some counselors who can help you.

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RESEARCH?**

Being in the research is your choice. You can say Yes or No. It is OK to say No.

If you say Yes now and change your mind later that is also OK. You can stop being in the research at any time. If you want to stop being in the research, all you have to do is tell us.

Take all the time you need to make your choice. Ask us any questions you have.

It is also okay to ask more questions after you decide to be in the research. You can ask

questions at any time.

**This study has been okayed by the Western Oregon University Institutional Review Board (a group that is there to make sure you are safe). If you have any questions or worries while you are in this research, you may talk to your parents and they can talk to Dr. Researcher. They can also talk to the Chair of the WOU Institutional Review Board at 503-838-9200 or e-mail at** **irb@wou.edu****.**

**Your parents can keep a copy of this paper.**

**CHILD’S ASSENT**

After you have read this form and talked about this research with your parents and decide that you want to be in this research; please sign or write your name below.

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Child’s Assent Date

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Signature of Person Obtaining Assent Date