

CONSENT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED OR VIDEOTAPED FOR EXPLICIT PICTURES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OR DISCLOSURE

PURPOSE:

The Social-Sexual Education Project is conducted by Dr. Katie Pedgrift and North Bay Regional Center. The Project is designed to teach people with developmental disabilities about healthy and safe relationships and how to recognize sexual abuse and coercion. The project is funded by the Mental Health Services Act in partnership with the Department of Developmental Services.

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants will be videotaped and/or have their picture taken while they act out appropriate and inappropriate social situations. These images will be used by local teachers, therapists, and behaviorists to teach people with disabilities about healthy relationships and abuse. Some videos and pictures will appear on an online education program for service providers throughout the State of California. These photographs or videos might also be used in professional presentations, webinars, brochures, digital education material, and websites.

Your participation in this project is totally voluntary and does not include monetary compensation. You can decline to participate in any facet and it will not affect your relationship with North Bay Regional Center or the people leading this project. You can decide to stop participating in this project at any time without explanation. You can also decide to withdraw or remove your photographs from this project at any time prior to its completion. If you decide to stop participating, you will not be punished in any way. However, once the project has been concluded, videos/pictures will be online, and we will not be able to remove them.

PROCEDURE:

You are being asked to pose for pictures and/or act in videos that show different social situations. Some of these social situations may depict abuse and are explicit in nature. It is your right to agree or disagree to any social situation that you will be asked to act out. You can look at your pictures immediately after they are taken and you can erase any pictures of yourself that you choose. Pictures of you that are not erased might be used in classes, professional presentations, webinars, brochures, digital education material, and websites.

All of the products and resources developed and used by way of this project and its associated activities are the result of public funds granted through the Mental Health Services Act. Therefore, the Regional Center and actors do not have proprietary rights to products, resources, and material.

RISKS:

Some videos/pictures taken of you may show you doing things that you would not do in real life. You may be asked, for example, to pose for pictures that depict abuse. Such pictures might embarrass you or make you feel uncomfortable if people, some of whom may recognize you, thought they were real. If you feel uncomfortable about performing or being depicted in such films or photographs, you have the right to decline to pose for some pictures and agree to pose for other pictures. You also have the right to stop participating in this project and/or remove your

images prior to the conclusion of this project. You can do this by contacting Katie Pedgrift at (707) 569-2076.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Your participation in this project is not confidential. Your images may be utilized and shown to others. People may recognize you as a participant of this project.

If you tell a member of this project that you have been abused or know someone who has been abused, they may need to report that abuse. If you tell a member of this project that you are thinking about hurting yourself or someone else, they may need to report that too. If participating in this project makes you feel upset, you can withdraw your participation at any time. You can also tell a member of this project that you feel upset and they can refer you to a therapist. Dr. Pedgrift can be contacted at (707) 569-2076.

STORAGE OF PICTURES/VIDEOS:

Some pictures/videos taken of you may not be used right away. Some images may be used later and some images may never be used. Unused images will be held in a password-locked computer. Images that are selected for the education program will be given to various service providers as part of an education program. Images that are not used will be erased two years after this project is concluded.

BENEFITS:

By participating in this project, you might help teach people with developmental disabilities about sexual abuse and coercion, and how to develop safe and healthy relationships.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have any questions about this project, you may contact Dr. Katie Pedgrift (707) 569-2076.

I have read and do understand each section of this form. I am 18 years or older, have been given a copy of this paper, and voluntarily agree to be photographed and/or videotaped for this project.

Participant's Signature

Date

Witness' Signature

Date