

# Welcome!



# ¡Bienvenidos!

**Y**our child is invited to participate in a study conducted by Juliette Mackin, PhD and Jerod Tarte, MA, from the Northwest Professional Consortium (NPC) in Portland, Oregon.

## Tell me about the study

In this study we hope to learn if participation in youth services such as

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contribute to positive youth behaviors and reduce negative youth behaviors.

## Why me?

Your child was selected as a possible participant in this study because of his or her participation in

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## What do I need to know?

If you decide to participate in this study, the Oregon Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Assessments and Service information will be made available to the study team. These tools report changes in the following areas of youth behavior: school issues, peer relationships, behavior issues, family functioning, and substance use.

These assessment tools were developed so that JCP service providers and the study team have a way to tell if the programs are helping youth develop the knowledge and skills that will allow them to make good choices in their lives and stay out of trouble.

Your child's participation is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to allow your child to participate will not affect his or her relationship with these service(s).

If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time without penalty.



## What do I need to do?

You will need to sign a consent form provided by your local program. Neither you nor your child will be contacted or observed by the study team.

## How will this help others?

The results of this project may benefit youth and community members by demonstrating how investment in local youth programs may contribute to positive youth development.

## Will this help me?

We cannot guarantee that your child personally will receive any benefits from this research.

## Are there any risks?

There are minimal risks to you or your child by allowing the study team to use the information gathered by the JCP tools. There is always a slight risk to confidentiality; however, every effort will be made to maintain participant's confidentiality. Identities will be kept confidential.



## Security

The data will be maintained in a password-protected computer and/or locked file cabinets in a locked office with a security alarm. NPC uses a state-of-the-art server system that is protected by a "firewall" and entry attempts are tracked daily.

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with your child will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law.

## Who do I talk to if I have more questions?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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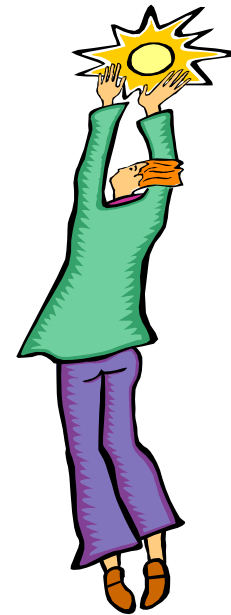
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or JCP Study Director, Juliette Mackin, at 503-243-2436.

If you have questions regarding your child's rights as a study participant, contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, Portland State University, OR 97207, 503-725-4288.

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# Building Youth Success



## Assessing the Effects of County Prevention Programs

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