

Consent Form

Project Title: *Bridging Climate Change and Healthcare: Opportunities for Intergenerational Justice and Supporting Youth and Children's Mental Health*

You are invited to be a research participant in a study exploring the impacts of climate change on the mental health of youth and children in British Columbia. You were selected as a possible participant because of your experience working as a health professional with youth and/or children in rural and/or remote communities in British Columbia.

This research project is being led by Dr. Maya Gislason (contact details below). The project is administered through Simon Fraser University.

Before agreeing to participate in this research, we encourage you to read the following explanation of this study. This statement describes the purpose and procedures of the study. Also described is your right to withdraw from the study at any time prior to your review and approval of the interview transcript. Following your approval of the transcript, we will remove any identifying information to keep your identity confidential to the public.

I. Principal Investigator and Research Personnel

Dr. Maya K. Gislason, Principal Investigator, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, maya_gislason@sfu.ca [604-376-1809]

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II. Background and Purpose of the Study

This project is a research program supported by the Michael Smith Health Research BC Scholar Award program, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. It is focused on learning about how youth/children's mental health is being affected by climate change, what healthcare related to climate change looks like in rural and remote communities, how children and youth are currently being supported, which places in the healthcare system could better support these youth/children, what the role of other family/peers/networks is in the healthcare journey for youth and children experiencing climate events, where climate change stays and

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disappears in the medical journey, how youth/children's mental health could be incorporated into your community's existing programming, and how healthcare policies and settings could more effectively incorporate youth/children voices.

III. Description of Study Process

You are being invited to take part in this research study because you are a healthcare professional working with youth/children in rural and/or remote communities in British Columbia. If you choose to participate in this study, you will be invited to a 60- to 90-minute audio recorded Zoom interview with one of the research personnel. If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Adrienne Barcket at the information above indicating your interest in participating. Adrienne will then reach out to you to schedule a Zoom interview. At the beginning of the interview, you will undergo an oral consenting process. After the interview, we will provide you with a copy of your interview transcript. You will have two weeks to review the transcript, and request any redactions, clarifications, or additions be made. This is an important component of ensuring the transcript uses the correct language, and that your intentions and beliefs are reflected accurately through the text. After the 14 days have passed, if you have not emailed the research team revisions to the transcript, they will begin analysis.

IV. Study Results

The main study findings may be used to inform policy recommendations, future grants, and project development, and will also be published in academic journal articles, commentaries, and presented at conferences. These outputs can be emailed to you with your approval.

V. Potential Benefits and Risks

There are minimal risks associated with participating in the study. You do not have to answer any question if you do not want to. We understand that answering these questions may complicate your position in the community, therefore, we will ensure that information you share with us is kept confidential in our reports. We will also ask you to answer our questions from your personal point of view, rather than as a representative from your organization of employment.

This research study is anticipated to benefit you as a participant, by providing the opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise, contributing to addressing an existing knowledge gap about supporting children and youth through the climate crisis. You may also benefit from improving BC's health care practices of intersectional analysis and climate justice strategies.

VI. Confidentiality

The survey you will be asked to complete is being hosted by SurveyMonkey, which stores the survey data in a secure server located in Canada. SurveyMonkey is a commercial provider external to Simon Fraser University. Their parent company is owned and operated in the United States and in extraordinary circumstances staff in the United States may access the surveys and survey data hosted in Canada. However, all responses are treated as confidential. Your answers from this survey will be seen by our research team. We will keep your information confidential. The survey information will be stored in a private, secure, and password-protected server at Simon Fraser University. All research data and materials that are obtained during this study will be kept securely in a password-protected, private, and secure server at Simon Fraser University. Only Dr. Gislason (PI) and Angel Kennedy (Research Manager) will have access to the identification key document linking your name with a unique identifier. Summaries of de-identified information, excluding all personal names and elements that may allow others to link specific data to particular individuals, will be made public as part of the dissemination activities of our study results. Maya will keep all data and materials for research purposes for the next 10 years, and they may be used in future studies. If you agree, your de-identified data will be stored in an SFU-based data repository.

XII: Data Sharing

With your permission, we will email you all research outputs our team creates related to the interview you participate in.

XIII: Who can you contact if you have questions about the study?

If you have any questions or concerns about what we are asking of you, please contact Dr. Maya Gislason. Maya's email and telephone number are listed at the top of the first page of this form.

XIV: Who can you contact if you have complaints or concerns about the study?

If you have any concerns about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, you may contact the SFU Office of Research Ethics at dore@sfu.ca or 778-782-6593

XV: Participant Consent and Signature

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Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you may skip questions in the demographic survey, or leave the interview Zoom call at any time without any problems. To withdraw from the study altogether, all you have to do is tell Maya that you no longer wish to participate. You can speak with her directly or you can contact her by email. You may withdraw your responses in interview and demographic survey until the end of the two-week transcription review period. Please note that by consenting, you have **not** waived any rights to legal recourse in the event of research-related harm. If you agree to participate in this study, please email a member of our research team stating that you are interested in being a participant in our study and someone from our team will contact you to schedule the interview.

At the beginning of the interview you will be asked the questions stated below. The interviewer will record your responses during that call as your oral consent to participating in this study.

Consent (please circle 'yes' or 'no'):

1. Do you consent to being in this study (including completing the demographic survey and participating in a 60-90 minute interview)?

Yes No

2. Do you consent to have us retain your email to send you our research outputs?

Yes No

3. Do you consent to having your de-identified data be placed in an SFU repository, where other researchers can access the data? You do not need to say yes to this question to be included in the study.

Yes No

4. Do you want to be contacted for future studies conducted by our team? Please note, by saying 'yes' now, you are not committing to participate in the study. If you say yes, your email address will be stored in a password-protected OneDrive folder.

Yes No