

Parental consent form: Instructions for researchers

This document describes the kind of information you are expected to provide on the parental consent form. The numbers refer to the line numbers on the parental consent form.

1. List the child's name and the general nature of the study.
2. List the goals of the study.
3. List all activities or interactions involving the child. These include observations made by the researcher, interactions with the researcher, and tasks to be performed. If you intend to ask the child a long list of specific questions, include the questionnaire as an attachment.
4. Check off all rewards to be used. For food rewards, be very specific about the type of food offered. Many children have severe allergies, and you must provide enough information so that the parent can tell whether the food reward is likely to trigger an allergic reaction. Leave the check boxes in the "To the Parent" area blank so the parent can indicate whether the child can eat a particular food. Fill in any other specifics (e.g. amount of money to be given per specific behavior; type of other reward).
5. List all reasonable risks, with some estimate of how likely these are to occur.
6. List all reasonable benefits, with some estimate of how likely these are to occur.
7. List contact information (name, phone, mailing address, and email) for the principal investigator.
8. No information to add.
9. Fill in the child's name. Leave the check boxes blank.
10. No information to be added.
11. Leave the check boxes blank. If a parent requests feedback, be certain to prepare a report and send a copy to the parent. If possible, meet with the parent to explain the report.