

University of Illinois at Chicago
ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH
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Positive youth development, critical service learning and youth activism

1. My name is Cassandra McKay Jackson.
2. I am asking you to take part in a research study because we are trying to learn more about the impact that service learning projects have on youth's leadership skills, school connection, and interpersonal skills with adults and peers.
3. If you agree to be in this study you will be invited to respond to a questionnaire before and after you complete the capstone course for your school. The questionnaire may take up to 20-25 minutes to complete each time. You will also be invited to participate in a focus group after the project has been submitted.
4. You may become emotionally upset by discussing the issues for which you are advocating for or against in your service learning project. However it is expected that these emotional reactions will be reversible and not impair your normal daily activities.
5. Service learning may be a great way to help develop skills to manage conflicts appropriately and gain leadership skills. Also your participation in this study will allow me and my research team to examine the impact that service learning experiences have on the positive youth development outcomes of youth, who live in urban settings.
6. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say "yes" you can still decide not to do this.
7. If you don't want to be in this study, you don't have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don't want to participate or even if you change your mind later and want to stop.
8. You can ask any questions that you have about the study. If you have a question later that you didn't think of now, you can call me at 312-355-2280, email me at cmckay@uic.edu or ask me next time.
9. Signing your name at the bottom means that you agree to be in this study. You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it.

Name of Youth

Date

Signature

Age

Grade in School