

Information Sheet for Kids

So you're interested in helping us create better ways to help kids and their parents stay in touch? Terrific!

We are a group of scientists who are looking at creating new ways to help kids stay close to their mom or dad while they are apart. We hope that this could really help kids and parents who don't live in the same house.

Please think carefully about what this form says, and don't sign it unless you agree.

Informed Assent

We are researchers at the Georgia Tech working to make technology to help kids and parents who are away from each other keep in touch.

You don't have to participate in this research project if you don't want to. If you don't want participate in this project at any time, you can just stop or take a break. Your mom or dad can also stop the project at any time, if they want to. Just tell one of us or one of your parents if you want to stop or take a break.

Here's what we would like to do:

- Ask you to help us out over the next 9 weeks, though you can stop at any time.
- Ask you some questions about you and your mom and you and your dad.
- Ask you to keep a special diary of each time you talk to you dad while staying with your mom or each time you talk to your mom while staying with your dad.
- Meet with you once a week to ask you some questions about your diaries. We would also like to record this, so we won't forget anything you say.
- In two weeks, give you a special table called "ShareTable" that you can use to talk to your mom or dad while apart. Look at the picture of it on the next page!
- The ShareTable will keep track of how much it's turned on and record videos of what you say and do with your mom or dad. If you don't want us to see a video, you can just mark it on the diary form and we will delete it in front of you without watching it. Only the scientists working on this project will see these videos and after we watch them and take careful notes about them, we will delete them forever.

Once we give it to you, you don't have to use the ShareTable if you don't want to. We're trying to figure out how to make it better. If something doesn't work or breaks down, it's not your fault. You should let one of us or your mom or dad know and we'll do our best to fix it. At the end of the project, we will take the ShareTable away to work on it to make it better and give other families a chance to use it.

When we visit every week, we would like to talk to you in one room in your house while we will be talking to your mom or dad will be in another other. If you get uncomfortable being in a different room, just let us know, and we can stop or take a break any time.

We will make sure that all of the information that you give us stays as private as possible, but your mom, your dad, a judge, or a police person might ask us to share it. Please remember this (and we'll remind you each time we talk) and only share information that you wouldn't mind us, your parents, a judge, or a police person knowing. We won't let anybody else know that you took part in this project. If we write about some of the things you say, we'll make sure to change your name so people don't know that is was you.

If you have any questions about this, just ask, and we'll be happy to help you. If you feel you haven't been treated right as part of this research project, we'll be happy to talk with you about it. Talk to your parents, and they can reach us by calling 404-385-0257.

I have been told:

- I have been told that this is a research project.
- I have been told that I may stop or take a break at any time.
- I have been told that I will be asked to keep a special diary of when I talk to my mom or my dad while we're apart.
- I have been told that I will be given a special table, called ShareTable, to use if I feel like it.
- I have been told that the ShareTable will record video and audio of me when I use the system, but I can mark any recording to be deleted without being watched.
- I have been told that every week somebody will visit to ask me questions and record my answers, and I don't mind.
- I have been told that I shouldn't share anything that I wouldn't feel comfortable having my mom, my dad, a judge, or the researchers know.

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Date