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## **Evaluation of the Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) Program**

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### **STUDENT CONSENT FORM: 2021-22 Academic Year**

Dear Student,

The Yerington Paiute Tribe (YPT) Education Department is working with RMC Research Corporation (RMC) this school year. They are looking at how the *Accessing Choices in Education* (ACE) program is affecting students. The ACE program wants to help Native students do better in school and plan for college or jobs. We are inviting you to complete two surveys and maybe be part of a student focus group. A focus group is a small number of students who meet with a researcher to share their thoughts about the project.

More information about the study is shown below. Please read carefully. Answer the questions at the end of the form to let us know which parts of the research you agree to do.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lasserre-Cortez, Ph.D.  
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## CONSENT FORM

Before you decide to be part of this study, you need to know more about the research. Please take some time to read this form carefully. You can ask the study staff to explain anything in this form. If you agree to take part in this study, please fill out the form below.

### **Purpose of the Study**

The team will look at the activities and services that ACE gives to students during the 2021/22 school year. What we learn about the project will be put into a report. The report will explain how the program helps students and their families.

### **What You Will Be Asked to Do in the Study**

We are inviting you to do an online survey and maybe a focus group. This will help us learn about your feelings toward school and the ACE program. You will not be asked to do any other activities.

### **Time Required**

Each survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. The focus group will take about 45 minutes.

### **Do I have to Participate?**

It is your choice and the choice of your parents/guardians to participate. You can always change your mind and stop doing the activity. You may also skip any question on the survey and/or in the focus group. You will not get in trouble if you do not participate or if you decide to stop.

### **What You Should Know About the Study**

There are no right or wrong answers. We just want to learn about your experiences with the ACE project. There are no expected risks for those who are part of the study. However, there is no control over what information might be shared by other students in the focus group after they leave the focus group. What is talked about in the focus group is not personal in nature and there is very little risk from sharing information from them.

**NOTE:** If you decide to take a survey or be part of a focus group, you can still have your answers removed from the study by sending an email to Linda Fredericks ([fredericks@rmcres.com](mailto:fredericks@rmcres.com)) no later than one week after the survey or focus group. After that time, your answers will become part of the information used for the annual report.

### **Can this study help me?**

The ACE program wants to help students by giving them more choices in school. The study results may help bring more ACE resources and programs to the schools.

We want you to feel free to answer honestly. We will make every effort to keep what you share with us private. Other than members of the research team, no one will see your answers. **No information about you will be shared with anyone. No names will be used in any reports. No personal questions will be asked. Results will only be reported for all students. Nothing from this study will be used for future research studies.**

If you have questions at any time, please contact Dr. Shannon Lasserre-Cortez at RMC Research Corporation. Her phone number is (800) 762-5001. Her email is [shannon.lasserrecortez@rmcres.com](mailto:shannon.lasserrecortez@rmcres.com). She will be happy to answer any questions you have. If you have any questions about your rights in the study, you may contact Solutions IRB (the people that protect the study participants) at 1-855-226-4472 or email [participants@solutionsirb.com](mailto:participants@solutionsirb.com).

**Before moving on, make sure:**

- You have read this entire consent form.
- All your questions have been answered.
- You know that you can leave the study at any time without giving a reason and without any problem.
- After you have done a survey or a focus group, your answers will be part of the findings.
- You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent form to keep.
- You know you are not giving up any legal rights in this study.

***You only need to return this form if you do NOT want to be a part of the surveys and/or focus groups.*** If it is okay with you to take the survey(s) or participate in a focus group, check the boxes that say “Yes.” If you do not want to be part of the study, check the boxes saying “No.” You do not give up any legal rights by choosing to participate or not to.

**Please check one from each column:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can take the surveys.           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can do a focus group.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not want to take the surveys. | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not want to do a focus group. |

**Your Name (printed):**

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(First name)

(Last name)

**Name of Your Middle and/or High School (please spell out):**

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(Example: Yerington High School)

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!