

## CONSENT TO ACT AS A HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECT

### **IRB #:**

### **Title of the study:**

The Role of Early Experiences in Adulthood

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### **KEY INFORMATION**

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Participation is completely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand. Please see the email contact information above to contact the researcher with any questions you may have about the study. You should take your time in deciding whether or not you want to participate.

If you agree to participate in this study, the project will involve:

- Approximately 400 MTurk workers ages 18 years of age and above.
- Procedures will include completing a set surveys that address demographics, your mental and physical health, your experiences in childhood (including traumatic experiences) and your current feelings.
- The study will be completed in one online (web) session that should not take longer than 60 minutes. We expect that most participants will complete the tasks in 40-60 minutes.
- The survey will be completed on the Chapman REDCap Survey Software System.
- There are no known risks associated with this study although it is possible you could experience sadness or distress from memories about your past.
- You will be compensated \$8 if you complete the survey.
- You can download a blank copy of this consent form at the link below.

### **INVITATION**

You are invited to take part in this research study. The information in this form is meant to help you decide whether or not to participate. If you have any questions, please ask.

### **WHY ARE YOU BEING ASKED TO BE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

You are being asked to participate in this study because you are an MTurk worker, are eighteen years of age or older, and can read and write in the Spanish.

**WHAT IS THE REASON FOR DOING THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

The purpose of this research is to study the role of early life experiences in adulthood.

**WHAT WILL BE DONE DURING THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

You will be asked to complete one online survey which will include questions about your thoughts and feelings, health, and behaviors.

The survey will take a maximum of 1 hour to complete and you may complete it from your home computer or mobile device.

Participating in this study involves:

1. Reading this information sheet about the study and asking any questions you may have about the study via email or phone prior to participating. Once you have read this sheet and any questions you may have about the study are answered to your satisfaction, then you would indicate your agreement to participate by checking a box at the end of this form.
2. Once you have agreed to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey in the REDCap System. Specifically, you will answer questions that address demographics, your mental and physical health, your experiences in childhood (including traumatic experiences) and your current feelings. The entire set of questions should take less than 60 minutes to complete.
3. Once you finish the set of assessments in the REDCap System your MTurk account will be compensated \$8 for your participation.

Any work performed on MTurk can be linked to the user's public profile page. Thus, as a worker you may wish to restrict what information you choose to share in your public profile.

**HOW WILL YOUR DATA BE USED?**

The Chapman study investigators listed at the top of this consent form will use the anonymous data collected in this online survey for statistical analyses that will tell us more about how early life experiences shape development into adulthood.

MTurk worker IDs (i.e., the 14 character sequence of letters and numbers used to identify workers) will NOT be shared with anyone. MTurk worker IDs will only be collected for the purposes of distributing compensation and will not be associated with survey responses.

**WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE RISKS OF BEING IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

As with any study involving collection of data, there is the possibility of breach of confidentiality of data. Other possible risks and/or discomforts associated with the procedures described in this study include possibly experiencing an emotional reaction.

It is possible that other risks could occur that are not described in this consent form.

**WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO YOU?**

You are not expected to directly benefit from participation in this study.

**WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO OTHER PEOPLE?**

Your participation may benefit others or society by adding to our understanding of how early-life experiences influence health and well-being in adulthood. This will help clinicians to develop strategies of early detection and prevention.

**WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO BEING IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

If you do not take part in the study, you have the option to perform other jobs on MTurk.

**WHAT WILL PARTICIPATING IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY COST YOU?**

There is no cost to you to be in this research study.

**WILL I BE PAID FOR TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?**

You will receive \$8 monetary compensation for your participation in this research study.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM DURING THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

Your welfare is the major concern of every member of the research team. If you have a problem as a direct result of being in this study, you should immediately contact one of the people listed at the beginning of this consent form.

**HOW WILL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU BE PROTECTED?**

Reasonable steps will be taken to protect your privacy and the confidentiality of your study data. All data collected in this online survey is anonymous.

No identifying information, such as your name, email or IP address, is collected during this web-based study on the Chapman REDCap survey software system.

The data will be stored electronically through a secure server and will only be seen by the research team.

The only people who will have access to your research records are the members of the research team, the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and any other person, agency, or sponsor as required by law. Information from this study may be published in scientific journals or presented at scientific meetings but the data will be reported as group or summarized data and your identity will be kept strictly confidential. The researchers intend to keep the anonymous research data indefinitely.

**WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS A RESEARCH SUBJECT?**

You may ask any questions about this research and have those questions answered before agreeing to participate in the study or during the study. For study related questions, please contact the investigator(s) listed at the beginning of this form. For questions concerning your rights or complaints about the research, contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at (714) 628-2833 or [irb@chapman.edu](mailto:irb@chapman.edu).

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO BE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY OR DECIDE TO STOP PARTICIPATING ONCE YOU START?**

You can decide not to be in this research study, or you can stop being in this research study (i.e., “withdraw”) at any time before, during, or after the research begins for any reason. To withdraw simply close out this REDCap Survey webpage. Deciding not to be in this research study or deciding to withdraw will not affect your relationship with

the investigator or with Chapman University. You will not lose any benefits to which you are entitled.

### **WHO CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDY?**

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, please contact the research team at [EHLDD@Chapman.edu](mailto:EHLDD@Chapman.edu). This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to them at 714-628-2833 or [irb@chapman.edu](mailto:irb@chapman.edu) if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

### **DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT?**

You are voluntarily deciding whether or not to be in this research study. By selecting the option below that you agree to participate in the study you are indicating that:

- (1) you have read and understood this consent form,
- (2) you have contacted our study team with any questions you have about the study and your questions have been answered, and
- (3) you have decided to be in the research study.

You can download a copy of this consent form to keep.