

Dear Parent,

I would like to invite you to participate in an important research study on adolescent behavior. I am a graduate student at Walden University. This study partially fulfills the requirements for earning my doctorate degree (PhD) in clinical psychology. I am conducting **an online, survey research study that explores the association between parental supervision and monitoring and adolescent behaviors**. I am particularly interested in learning whether or not certain other intra-personal factors including self-control and socioeconomic status are also related to this parent-adolescent association. Uncovering the processes that contribute to adolescent behaviors may provide an important contribution to future prevention research and intervention.

Parents are eligible to participate if they: (1) are over the age of 18 years; (2) have access to a computer with internet access, and (3) have a child in the local school district who may have ever engaged in any behavior that resulted in disciplinary action whether at home, in school, or in the community. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time. However, please note that only completed surveys will be included in the final research. As part of your participation, you will be asked to complete the anonymous online survey that consists of several brief questionnaires. Some of the questions may contain very sensitive information, but will not require you to disclose any specific information about the behavior your child was involved in. The data gathered from this research will be kept strictly confidential in and will only be used for this research purpose. The entire process will only take approximately 45 minutes of your time to complete at home or work, at your convenience. While there is no compensation for your participation, there will be an opportunity for parents to contribute to this important research on adolescence. The findings of this study will also be made available upon request.

If you have any questions or concerns, **please contact mary.rossgray@waldenu.edu** or you may contact my Dissertation Chairperson, at Charlton.coles@waldenu.edu. **To participate now, please click on the following link to begin the online survey:**

<https://www.research.net/r/WaldenParentSurvey>

I greatly appreciate your time and assistance in this worthwhile study.

Regards,

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