



## Safe South Africa

Integrated Prevention of HIV Risk and Intimate Partner Violence among Adolescents in South Africa

ADULT Consent Form Giving PERMISSION for Children to Choose Participation in  
PROGRAM PILOT 1

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**Study Implementers:** South African Medical Research Council (South Africa) & Brown University School of Public Health (USA) & Rhode Island Hospital (USA)

**Study Sponsors:** USA National Institute of Mental Health

**Principal Investigators:** Dr. Caroline Kuo & Dr. Catherine Mathews

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1. Participants complete a questionnaire that gathers background information (e.g., age, population group, language, etc.); self-reported health behaviors (e.g. any sexual experiences, HIV status, mental health, violence); and experience in relationships. This questionnaire will be repeated 1 month after the program Safe South Africa is completed, and 6 months after the program is completed. Participants will receive 50 Rand (consisting of 25 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for the questionnaire at the beginning, 60 Rand (consisting of 35 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for the questionnaire at 1 month, and 70 Rand (consisting of 45 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for the questionnaire at 6 months.
2. Participants will receive Safe South Africa. This program takes place in 2-hour sessions, once a week for a total of two weeks after school, on or near school premises. The program will take place with other teenage boys and be facilitated by our research team and includes discussion, debate, and activities where practice and gain confidence in new skills. In the program we explore ways teenage boys can become young leaders by protecting their own health and the health of others, and discover ways to create strong and healthy relationships. In the first session of the program, participants will fill out a brief assessment. Participants will receive 50 Rand (consisting of 25 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for filling out the assessment. In the second session of the program participants will fill out a brief assessment. Participants will receive 60 Rand (consisting of 35 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for filling out the assessment.

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Professor Danie du Toit as chairperson who can be contacted via Adri Labuschagne- South African Medical Research Council, PO Box 19070, Tygerberg 7505, Western Cape South Africa, Tel: 021 938 0687, E-mail: [adri.labuschagne@mrc.ac.za](mailto:adri.labuschagne@mrc.ac.za) OR Brown University Research Protections Office (Telephone: +1 401-863-3050 or toll-free at: +1 866-309-2095).

**For parent/guardian/foster parent/caregiver/trusted adult to complete:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name and surname) have had all of the above information explained and I understand the explanation. I have been given answers to my questions about the study.

- I GIVE PERMISSION for my child to decide to participate in this study and I have received a copy of the information sheet.**
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- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_
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ADULT Consent Form Giving PERMISSION for Children to Choose Participation in PILOT 2 SURVEY

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PROGRAM AND SURVEYS

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Participants will be randomized to get the Safe South Africa program OR a package of written health information. Being randomized means being assigned to get the Safe South Africa program OR a package of written health information is entire by chance. Assignment to the Safe South Africa program OR a package of written health information cannot be changed.

1. Half of the participants in the study will be assigned to Safe South Africa. These participants will receive Safe South Africa. This program takes place in 2-hour sessions, once a week for a total of two weeks after school, on or near school premises. The program will take place with other teenage boys and be facilitated by our research team and includes discussion, debate, and activities to practice new skills for healthy lives. In the program we explore ways teenage boys can become young leaders by protecting their own health and the health of others, and discover ways to create strong and healthy relationships. Participants will receive 50 Rand (consisting of 25 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for attending the enrollment session and filling out the first session assessment. In the second session of the program participants will fill out a brief assessment. Participants will receive 60 Rand to (consisting of 35 Rand to offset time and 25 Rand to offset travel costs) for filling out the assessment.
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**TEENAGER Assent Form for Participation in PROGRAM PILOT 1**

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**Note to researcher: Only teenagers who have provided you with a written signed adult consent form can participate in the informed assent process. This signed assent form should be attached to the signed adult consent form.**

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2. You will participate in Safe South Africa. This program takes place in 2-hour sessions, once a week for a total of two weeks after school, on or near school premises. The program will take place with other teenage boys and be facilitated by our research team and includes discussion, debate, and activities where you practice and gain confidence in new skills. In the program we explore ways to become a young leader by protecting your health and the health of others, and discover ways to create strong and healthy relationships. In the first session of

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