

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Cuyahoga County Public Library's Homework Centers

We're interested in examining the effectiveness of our Homework Centers and would like you and your child/teen to participate in this project. If you decide to do this, you will be asked to participate in two telephone surveys concerning our Homework Centers and the potential effect your child/teen's participation in our Homework Centers may have on you and your family. Your participation will take place during the 2011-2012 School Year.

If you take part in this project, information gathered here will set the stage for following up with you later concerning how you are doing at home and how your child/teen is doing at school. At the end of the school term, you agree to answer some questions about whether the homework center was helpful to you and your child/teen, and to provide us with a copy of your child/teen's report card so that we can track improvements in school grades. You also agree to have your child/teen's school release information on their grades and school attendance to us upon request. To assure you and your child/teen's anonymity, no names or other identifying information will be contained on the survey that you complete. Information about the program will only be reported for groups of youth so no information about any individual child/teen will be shared with others.

Taking part in this project is entirely up to you and no one will hold it against you or your child/teen if you decide not to do it. If you do take part, you may stop at any time. We hope that you will choose to participate and assist us in learning more about how to make our Homework Centers better and to show how the Centers help improve both a child/teen's school performance and after-school homework time with parents.

If you want to know more about this project, please call me at 216-749-9353 .

Upon request, we would be happy to provide you with a copy of this consent form.

Sincerely,



Youth Services Manager
Cuyahoga County Public Library

Consent Statement:

I agree to take part in the Homework Center program and the gathering of information about this program and its effectiveness in improving school performance. I understand what I am being asked to do, and know that I can stop at any time without penalty. We will continue to be able to take part in the Homework Center program even if I choose not to complete a survey.

Signature

Date