Youth Name:_____

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STUDENT INFORMED ASSENT
Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program Data Collection & Evaluation

You are now enrolled in the Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program because you have either recently been ticketed for possession or use of tobacco products, you are being referred for a violation of school rules, or because you wish to quit using tobacco. The class is 8 hours, run in 4 sessions over 2 consecutive weeks. It focuses on helping youth understand why they use tobacco, the hazards associated with its use, and methods of quitting use. About 2000 youth across Texas will participate in the classes this year. The purpose of this research is to evaluate how well the course works, as well as learn more about why youth use tobacco and how to help them quit.

If you agree to be part of our efforts, you will not have to do anything that others in the class do not have to do. You will complete the activities in your class workbook just like the rest of the youth in the program. Some of the workbooks are being selected to be included in our database based on a sampling formula that has already been set up. We cannot tell you if your book will be selected or not. If your book is sampled, however, we may contact you in a few months and give you the opportunity to participate in other studies, for which you will be compensated. If we do contact you at that time, you can refuse to participate. There are no foreseeable risks to this project, and no direct benefits to you personally.

The workbook will ask about your tobacco use and include some activities that will help you think about ways to quit using tobacco. All of these responses will be entered into our database. Records are kept by the researchers, but are confidential and will not be shared with anyone else. The only exception to this is if a case of abuse is suspected, in which case it must be reported to the appropriate authorities. Your class leader will report participation to the court and the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, but that is not part of this research.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may also enroll in the course and refuse to allow researchers to look at your workbook materials without penalty – you can still take the class. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

Costs for participating in the course are only in the form of time spent in the class, but local courts and agencies providing the course may impose an additional fee for administrative purposes. Those fees are not associated with this study and the money does not return to the researchers.

This research study has been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects in Research, Texas A&M University. For research-related problems or questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you can contact these offices at (979)458-4067 or irb@tamu.edu.

Please be sure that you have read the above information, asked questions and received answers to your satisfaction. You will be given a copy of this assent form for your records. By signing this document, you give your assent to participate in the study.

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Signature of Participant	Date	Signature of Researcher	Date

For questions or concerns about this project or adolescent tobacco use, feel free to contact:

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