

APPENDIX B: WANTED – YOUR EXPERIENCES AND OPINIONS ABOUT
STEPFAMILIES!!

IF YOU ARE FROM 12 to 18 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVED LIVED IN A STEPFAMILY, YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ENTITLED STEPFAMILIES: CHILDREN SPEAK OUT, THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY E. SHARON McLEOD, A GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO DETERMINE HOW CHILDREN FEEL ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN A STEPFAMILY AND ALSO TO COMPARE THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN THE OPINIONS OF CHILDREN PRESENTLY IN STEPFAMILIES, AND ADULT CHILDREN OF STEPFAMILIES. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE, OR HAVE BEEN, RAISED IN A STEPFAMILY UNION.

PARTICIPATION IN THIS RESEARCH IS VOLUNTARY. THOSE PERSONS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMMIT TO A BRIEF (15-MINUTE) MEETING, FOLLOWED BY A ONE HOUR TAPED INTERVIEW. IN THE INTERVIEW, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- EXPECTATIONS HELD BEFORE ENTERING A STEPFAMILY.
- ACTUAL EXPERIENCES IN A STEPFAMILY.
- CHANGES YOU WOULD MAKE IF BEGINNING A STEPFAMILY OF YOUR OWN.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO AGREE THAT THE DATA MAY BE USED FOR SCHOLARLY RESEARCH PURPOSES AND FOR POSSIBLE LATER PUBLICATION PURPOSES (ARTICLE, BOOK, and INTERNET INFORMATION).

INTERVIEW TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED TO BEST SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE. THOSE OVER 14 DO NOT NEED PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, BUT PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE INFORMED OF THEIR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE.

IDENTITY OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

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