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Family No.: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Growing Up in Québec Study – 2023-2024 Sweep
Consent Form

Growing Up in Québec

Québec Longitudinal Study of Child Development, 2nd edition

Study partners

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1. **The study and its objective**

   This consent form relates to the *Growing Up in Québec* study conducted by Statistique Québec. The overall objective of this study is to collect data that will help us better understand the development and well-being of children until they reach adulthood (longitudinal study).

2. **By participating in this study, I understand that:**

   2.1. My child and I will be invited to participate in each data collection sweep, for the duration of the study or until I give notice to Statistique Québec that I am withdrawing from the study;

   2.2. The data collected in this study will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec* (CQLR, chapter I-13.011) and the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*;

   2.3. My participation and that of my child are voluntary. We are therefore free to participate or not in the study, and we can withdraw at any time without penalty to us in any way;

   2.4. If I withdraw from the study, all the data collected in the study will be kept in databanks, unless written notice to the contrary is submitted by me to Statistique Québec;

   2.5. Data collection for this year includes:

   Before the visit

   2.5.1. a paper questionnaire about my child's overall development that takes about 15 minutes to complete;

   2.5.2. a self-administered questionnaire to be completed online (or on paper) by each parent. This questionnaire takes about 20 minutes to complete. The questions will cover topics such as our health, some of our lifestyle habits, and our experiences as parents;

   During the visit to my home

   2.5.3. a computerized questionnaire lasting about 1 hour and 10 minutes that will be completed with a Statistique Québec interviewer during an interview. The questions will focus on my selected child's development and environment (family, dwelling, childcare setting, etc.);

   2.5.4. three activities that the interviewer will carry out with my child in order to measure various aspects of his or her development, as well as the measurement of my child's height and weight;

   2.5.5. a paper questionnaire that takes about 15 minutes to complete about my child's language development;

   2.6. My family will contribute to a better understanding of the processes underlying children's development, thus enabling more children to reach their full potential. The only drawback to my participation is the time spent answering the questionnaires.

3. **By signing this form, I authorize Statistique Québec to:**

   3.1. **Send the data** that has been collected as part of this study, in a de-identified manner (i.e., not revealing any name, address or telephone number), to the partners and collaborating researchers who will have committed to respecting Statistique Québec's data security and privacy standards (the list of researchers collaborating on the study can be provided to me upon request);

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3.2. **Collect additional information from departments and agencies in order to keep in touch** with me and my child, that is obtain our contact information, including information that can facilitate communication, from departments and agencies holding this information, such as Retraite Québec, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec, and the Ministère de l'Éducation;

3.3. **Collect additional information from departments and agencies in order to carry out statistical work** related to the study's overall objective, that is obtain administrative or survey data about me or my child in various areas, such as:
   - health (e.g. Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec, Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, Québec Vaccination Registry)
   - education (e.g. Ministère de l'Éducation, school service centres, school boards)
   - government services (e.g. Québec Parental Insurance Plan, childcare, Family Allowance)
   - income (e.g. Revenu Québec)

3.4. Send information that can identify me or my child (e.g. first name, last name, sex, date of birth) to certain departments and agencies **only to obtain the data referred to in 3.2 and 3.3**. This information will only be used to obtain administrative data about me and my child. Once identification is complete, the information will be destroyed by these departments and agencies.

3.5. Match all of the de-identified information (i.e., not revealing any name, address or telephone number) collected in the study in order to carry out statistical and research work. This work must be related to the study's overall objective.

4. **I hereby certify that I have read and understood this consent form. All my questions have been answered, and I have been given enough time to make my own decision. Consequently, by signing this form, I consent to participating in the study.**

CHILD

Child's first name (in capital letters)	**Child**'s last name (in capital letters)

PARENT 1

Respondent's first name (in capital letters)	Respondent's last name (in capital letters)

Relationship to the child:
☐ Biological or legal mother   ☐ Biological or legal father   ☐ Legal representative
☐ Other (specify) _____

Respondent's signature	YYYY / MM / DD — Date

PARENT 2

Respondent's first name (in capital letters)	Respondent's last name (in capital letters)

Relationship to the child:
☐ Biological or legal mother   ☐ Biological or legal father   ☐ Legal representative
☐ Other (specify) _____

Respondent's signature	YYYY / MM / DD — Date

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