

Department of Violence Prevention Evaluation Participant Consent Form

This program is funded through the Department of Violence Prevention, which is a City effort to reduce violence. About 3,000 people each year get support from Department of Violence Prevention programs like this one. All these programs are evaluated to see what's going well and what could be better.

As part of the Department of Violence Prevention evaluation, we are asking your permission to share basic information about your participation in the program with evaluators. The information is used to look at what the program is doing – not what you are doing. You may also be invited to take part in voluntary activities, such as interviews, focus groups, or a survey. However, you are not required to participate in those activities. The DVP's contracted evaluator is the Urban Institute as of July 2022.

We will take great care to protect the confidentiality of your information. Your data will be entered into a secure, password-protected database. Only your program providers and people involved in the evaluation will have access to your information. Nothing that identifies you will be used in any reports that are written about the evaluation.

To help you with your goals, staff in this program will sometimes talk with other service providers about your work together. If there is information you do not want shared with other service providers, please let program staff know.

Signing this form says that you are OK with your data being included in the evaluation. Participation is voluntary and you can still be in the program if you say no.

The evaluation will help us improve services for people like you. The risks of participating in the evaluation are small, and there are many protections in place to make sure your data is only used in the ways it is supposed to be. There are no direct additional benefits to agreeing.

If you have questions about the evaluation, you can contact: Cat Grey, DVP Program Analyst at cgrey@oaklandca.gov or Jesse Janetta, Urban Institute Senior Policy Fellow at jjanetta@urban.org.

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I have read this form, my questions have been answered, and:

I agree that my data can be used in the evaluation

I do not agree that my data can be used in the evaluation

Print Name of **Participant**

Signature of **Participant**

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE 18

If you had to get permission from a parent or guardian to participate in the program, then a parent or guardian MUST ALSO sign below to consent to your participation in data sharing and evaluation.

I have read this form, my questions have been answered, and:

I agree that their data can be used in the evaluation

I do not agree that their data can be used in the evaluation

Print Name of **Participant**

Print Name of **Parent or Guardian**

Signature of **Parent or Guardian**

Date