INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Project Title:
Gender-Inclusive Housing:Benchmarking the Policies and Practices of Peer Institution and Identifying the Needs of Transgender, Genderqueer, and Gender Non-Conforming Students in University Housing

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This consent form describes the research study to help you decide if you want to participate. This form provides important information about what you will be asked to do during the study, about the risks and benefits of the study, and about your rights as a research participant.

- If you have any questions about or do not understand something in this form, you should ask the research team for more information.
- You should discuss your participation with anyone you choose such as family or friends.
- Do not agree to participate in this study unless the research team has answered your questions and you decide that you want to be part of this study.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?

This is a research study. We are inviting you to participate in this research study because you identify as transgender, genderqueer, or gender non-conforming and are currently residing or have resided in University Housing during your time at North Carolina State.

The purpose of this research study is to investigate the impact of current housing policies and practices on the experiences of transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming students. The principal investigator will conduct qualitative, focused, semi-structured interviews with transgender-identified students who have recent (last three years) experience living in University Housing. Common themes present in the interviews will be analyzed and compared among participants to capture a thorough picture of the experiences of transgender students living on campus. The findings of this study will assist in producing recommendations to create a more positive, empowering campus community.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE?

Approximately 5-7 people will take part in this study.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?

If you agree to take part in this study, your involvement will last for a maximum of 1-1.5 hours.
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WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THIS STUDY?

During this research study, the principal investigator will conduct a semi-structured interview. Interview questions will ask about your experiences while living in University Housing at NC State. Due to the nature of semi-structured interviews, the principal investigator has a set of questions designed to help you relate your perspectives; however, over the course of the interview, additional clarifying questions may be asked.

During this study:

1. You will be asked to sign this Informed Consent Document for Research Participation.
2. You will be offered a copy of this document for your records.
3. The principal investigator will conduct a recorded, semi-structured interview lasting a maximum of 1-1.5 hours. See the next section for information about the storing of audio recordings.
4. The location of this interview will be a private space to assure confidentiality, most likely a private office on campus.
5. You are free to skip any questions that you would prefer not to answer, and you may end your participation at any time. Your decision to participate, not participate, or to end participation will not affect your relationship with the principal investigator, NC State, University Housing or the GLBT Center at NC State.
6. You will be offered a list of on-campus and off-campus resources if you would like to seek support from someone, in addition to your family and friends.

Audio Recording

One aspect of this study involves making audio recordings of your participation. The audio recording will be used to transcribe the semi-structured interview. Recordings will be made on a digital voice recorder and stored in a locked location until transcription, at which time they will be destroyed. No identifying information will be transcribed. Complete transcriptions will be stored on a password-protected computer.

[ ] Yes [ ] No I give you permission to make audio recordings of me during this study.
WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THIS STUDY?
During the confidentiality measures in place, there are no foreseeable physical, legal, financial, or psychological risks to participating in this study. However, during the interview you may be asked to answer questions that make you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or self-conscious. You are free to skip any question that you would prefer not to answer, and you may end your participation at any time. It is important to know that this research is separate from the normal operations of the GLBT Center and your decision to participate, not participate, or to end your participation will not affect your relationship with the principal investigator, NC State, University Housing, or the GLBT Center at NC State. The principal investigator will have resources available during and after the interview if you would like to seek support outside your friends and family. Examples of these resources include the Counseling Center at NC State, the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, and the GLBT Center of Raleigh.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS STUDY?
We don’t know if you will benefit from being in this study.

However, we hope in the future other people might benefit from this study because the findings of this study can assist in producing recommendations for policy and practice changes to create a more positive, empowering campus community, both at North Carolina State University and other institutions of higher education.

WILL IT COST ME ANYTHING TO BE IN THIS STUDY?
You will not have any costs for being in this research study.

WILL I BE COMPENSATED FOR PARTICIPATING?
You will not be paid or compensated in any way for being in this research study.

DO THE RESEARCHERS HAVE PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THIS STUDY?
Andy E. DeRoin, principal investigator, Susan Grant, co-principal investigator, and the rest of the research team have no financial interest in this study.

WHO IS FUNDING THIS STUDY?
North Carolina State University and the research team are receiving no payments from other agencies, organizations, or companies to conduct this research study.

WHAT ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY?
We will keep your participation in this research study confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, it is possible that other people such as those indicated below may become aware of your participation in this study and may inspect and copy records pertaining to this research. Some of these records could contain information that personally identifies you.
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- Federal government regulatory agencies,
- Auditing departments of North Carolina State University, and
- The North Carolina State University Institutional Review Board (a committee that reviews and approves research studies)

IS BEING IN THIS STUDY VOLUNTARY?

Taking part in this research study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all, a decision which will not affect your relationship with the principal investigator, NC State, University Housing, or the GLBT Center at NC State. If you decide to be in this study, you may stop participating at any time. If you decide not to be in this study, or if you stop participating at any time, you won’t be penalized or lose any benefits for which you otherwise qualify.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

We encourage you to ask questions. If you have any questions about the research study itself, please contact: Andy E. DeRoin, (919) 513-3563, or Susan Grant at scgrant@ncsu.edu.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about your rights as a research subject or about research-related injury, please contact North Carolina State University IRB at (919) 515-4514 or (919) 515-7515, or email Debra Paxton, IRB Administrator, at debra_paxton@ncsu.edu. To offer input about your experiences as a research subject or to speak to someone other than the research staff, call the NCSU IRB Office at the number above.

This Informed Consent Document is not a contract. It is a written explanation of what will happen during the study if you decide to participate. You are not waiving any legal rights by signing this Informed Consent Document. Your signature indicates that this research study has been explained to you, that your questions have been answered, and that you agree to take part in this study. You will receive a copy of this form.

Subject’s Name (printed): _____________________

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(Signature of Subject)  ________________________

(Date)

Statement of Person Who Obtained Consent

I have discussed the above points with the subject or, where appropriate, with the subject’s legally authorized representative. It is my opinion that the subject understands the risks, benefits, and procedures involved with participation in this research study.

Name of Person Who Obtained Consent (printed): _____________________

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(Signature of Person Who Obtained Consent)  ________________________

(Date)