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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Don't Worry, Be Happy. It is being conducted by Kentaro Fujita who is the principal investigator. He can be reached at kf348@nyu.edu; 212 998-7872; 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Yaacov Trope, who can be reached at yaacov.trope@nyu.edu, 212 998-3897.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about how people's thoughts affect the way they view life and their overall happiness.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: complete personality inventories and questionnaires (all pen & paper). Participation will take about one hour for which your child will receive one hour's worth of credit.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how people's thoughts affect the way they view life and their overall happiness.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive any credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained. All materials will be assigned unique code numbers which will not be traceable to the participants. All materials will be stored in a locked laboratory room. These materials will only be accessible to the lead investigator and his collaborators for research purposes. All data will be shredded and recycled 5 years after completion of the study, as recommended by the American Psychological Association.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Kentaro Fujita, or his Faculty Sponsor, Prof. Yaacov Trope, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAHIS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

 Parent's or Guardian's Signature

 Date