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**Longitudinal study of the development of children in Québec
ÉLDEQ (E3) - Volet 2000**

Informed consent form

I understand that this form is part of the study entitled «In 2002... I'll be 5 years old !» being conducted by a group of researchers from 5 Québec universities (Concordia University, University of Montréal, University of Sherbrooke, Laval University, McGill University) in association with *Direction Santé Québec*, its partners and the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS, Québec).

I have been advised that the PURPOSE of this study is to collect information about factors influencing child development in Québec.

I understand that my participation in this study is entirely VOLUNTARY, of MY OWN FREE WILL, and that I will not be personally identified in the reporting of the results. I have also been assured that all information that I provide about me, my spouse or my child/children will be treated ANONYMOUSLY and in the STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE as specified under the provision of the ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT (Québec) and the ACT RESPECTING THE INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC.

I understand that an interviewer selected by Santé Québec/BIP will call me at my home and come to my house to complete questionnaires and will play a little 5- minute game with my child. The interviewer will also leave other questionnaires to be filled out by myself and my spouse (if applicable) all to be returned by mail. I further understand that the interview will last about one hour a half (1 hr 30 minutes).

I also understand that to confirm my participation in the other parts of this annual study, Santé Québec will be contacting me over the next two years.

I, the undersigned, freely agree to take part in this annual study. I certify that the study has been well explained to me, that all my questions have been answered and that I was given enough time to come to this decision on my own.

I, the undersigned, further understand that I may withdraw my consent to participate at any time without penalty to me in any way.

Signature of Respondent

Date

Signature of Respondent

Reserved for signature of interviewer

I have explained to the signatory, to the best of my ability, both the purpose and nature of the study at hand. I asked him or her whether he or she had any questions, and then answered them as required. In my opinion, the signatory is perfectly aware of study methodology, the implications of his or her involvement therein, and the VOLUNTARY nature of the consent provided. I have left the original of this consent form with the signatory and shall remit the second original to the authorities conducting the study entitled «In 2002... I'll be 5 years old !».

Signature of interviewer

Date