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Institutional Review Board

# EXEMPT PROTOCOL SUMMARY FORM

## ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM COMMITTEE REVIEW

Research activities involving human subjects in the following categories may be exempt from review by the CCCS Institutional Review Board. The principal investigator/project director is authorized to make the first determination of eligibility for exemption; however, the College bears the responsibility for concurring in that determination based on notice provided by the principal investigator to the Institutional Review Board.

The following exemptions do NOT apply when (a) deception of subjects may be an element of the research; (b) subjects are under the age of eighteen; (c) the activity may expose the subject to discomfort or harassment beyond levels encountered in daily life; or (d) fetuses, pregnant women, human in vitro fertilization, children, or individuals involuntarily confined or detained in penal institutions are subjects of the activity.

EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE EXCLUSIONS, the federally-approved Categories of Exemption are:

1. Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings involving normal educational practices, such as: (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies; (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques curricula, or classroom management methods.
2. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; **and** (b) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation.
3. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, or achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under Category 2 if: (a) the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials, or candidates for public office, **or** (b) federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.
4. Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.
5. Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.
6. Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies: (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed, or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient or at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Exempting an activity from review does not absolve the investigator(s) of the activity from ensuring that the welfare of subjects in the activity is protected and that methods used and information provided to gain subject consent are appropriate to the activity.

Questions about whether a research activity may be exempt from human subjects review can be directed to the Colorado Community College System Office of the Provost.

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**Exempt Protocol Summary Form**

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| College and Career Navigation Initiative |

**Title of Research Project**

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| **Anticipated Funding Source:** | Colorado Department of Labor and Employment |

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| **Projected Duration of Research:** |  18 | **months** | **Projected Starting Date:** | February 14, 2011 |

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| **Other organizations and/or agencies, if any, involved in the study:** | Community College of Aurora, Northeastern Junior College, Arapahoe Douglas Works! Workforce Center, Northeastern Region Workforce Center |

**Exempt under code (see definitions on page one – check one)**  1 [x]  2 [ ]  3 [ ]  4 [ ]  5 [x]  6 [ ]

**SUMMARY ABSTRACT: Please supply the following information below: BRIEF description of the participants, the location(s) of the project, the procedures to be used for data collection, whether data will be confidential or anonymous, disposition of the data, who will have access to the data. Attach copy of the Informed Consent Form and/or the measures (questionnaires) to be used in the project.**

Project Abstract:

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) received an Incentive grant (WIA funded) from the Colorado Department of Labor in September 2010. The CCCS component of the Incentive Grant – *The College and Career Navigation Initiative* (CCNI) – focuses on a workforce center, adult basic education, and community college career & technical education alignment project that will strengthen and expand the number of workforce and community college clients in their successful entry and completion of career-advancing certificates and degrees through the appropriate community college program. Addressing the need to develop innovative strategies to re-engage the over 1,000,000 Colorado citizens who are either unemployed or underemployed and provide access and support to advance in their education, CCCS shall provide a comprehensive college readiness and career counseling program that moves out-of-school youth and adult learners forward, reduces remedial training, and develops confident, prepared**,** successful workers who are ready for college and careers.

Participants:

Participants will include workforce center clients, in-coming community college students, academically under-prepared high school graduates, and adult education students in adult education programs.

Participating Sites:

* Northeastern Junior College, partnering with the Sterling Workforce Center
* Community College of Aurora, partnering with Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center (Lowry and Greenwood Village centers)

Data Collection Procedures:

All student record data will be collected via intake forms and entered by a local Navigator at each participating site and/or the Project Manager. It will be maintained in a database developed by and managed at the Colorado Community College System and stored on a secure server. The following staff will have access to the student records, via a password only:

* Each participating site’s Navigator (2),
* Each participating site’s Project Coordinator (2),
* The College and Career Navigation Initiative Project Director,
* The College and Career Navigation Initiative Project Manager,
* The CCCS Director of Institutional Research, and
* The CCCS Research Assistant (CCNI database developer).

All records will be retained for three years (per HHS requirements). Hard copies of all student records will be shredded and electronic copies deleted permanently from the secure server in July 2015.

The metrics, intake form, and consent form are included in this application.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**

* Any additions or changes in procedures in the protocol will be submitted to the IRB for written approval prior to these changes being implemented.
* Any problems connected with the use of human subjects once the project has begun must be communicated to the IRB Chair.
* The principal investigator is responsible for retaining informed consent documents for a period of three years after the project.

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| Principal Investigator Signature |  | Co-Investigator/Student Signature (if appropriate) |  |
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| **Signature of IRB Committee Chair:**  | **Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ |
| **IRB Chair: Check 1 box:** | **[ ] Approved** | **[ ]  Approved with Conditions** | **[ ]  Refer to Full Committee Review** |

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**ELEMENTS OF INFORMED CONSENT**

Researchers must obtain the signed ***informed consent*** of participants. For those less than 18 years of age, the researcher must obtain the signed informed consent of parents or legal guardian and all reasonable attempts must be made to obtain each participant's ***assent***, which is defined as the participant's agreementto participate in the study.

The informed consent must include the following in sequential order and in language that the participants can understand:

1. Statement of purpose of the study.

2. Short description of methodology and duration of participant involvement.

3. Statement of risks/benefits to the participants.

4. Statement of data confidentiality.

5. Statement regarding the right of the participant to withdraw from the study at any time

 without negative consequences.

6. An offer to answer any questions the participant may have.

7. Contact information of all Principal Investigators, and also contact information for CCCS’s

 Institutional Review Board (Office of the Provost, 720-858-2759).

8. Line for signature of participants and/or parents or legal guardian except for questionnaire

 research in which return of questionnaire gives implied consent.

9. Statement that participant is 18 years of age or older unless parent or legal guardian has

 given consent.

In situations where participants will be **deceived**, items 1 and 2 areomitted and participants are told (on the signed form) that disclosure of the purpose and/or methodology could bias the outcome of the study. In this case, **after the study is complete,** each participant must be presented with a description of the purpose and methodology as carried out and this document must be signed by the participants "after the fact" in order to guarantee informed consent.

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***SAMPLE* INFORMED CONSENT**

The following suggestions are offered as guidelines. The exact language is the decision of the researcher. Keep in mind, however, that the Institutional Review Board must determine if the participants will be giving ***informed consent*.** (Note: that in the case of children, it is ***assent***).

Dear (student, parent, sir, madam, etc.):

 We are conducting a study to determine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In this study, you (your child/ward) will be asked to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Your participation should take about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

 There are no risks to you (your child/ward).

 ***or***

 The only risks to you (your child/ward) include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 All information will be handled in a strictly confidential manner, so that no one will be able to identify you (your child/ward) when the results are recorded/reported.

 Your (your child's/ward's) participation in this study is totally voluntary and you may withdraw at any time without negative consequences. If you wish to withdraw at any time during the study, simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Please feel free to contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (names(s), title(s) of principal researchers) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone) if you have any questions about the study. Or, for other questions, contact the Director of Institutional Research (303.797.5870).

*If the participant is of age (18 years old or older), use:*

 I understand the study described above and have been given a copy of the description as outlined above. I am 18 years of age or older and I agree to participate.

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 Signature of Participant Date

*If the participant is not of age, use:*

 I understand the study described above and have been given a copy of the description as outlined above. I agree to allow my child/ward to participate with his/her assent when possible.

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 Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

*ASSENT format:*

 I understand what I must do in this study and I want to take part in the study.

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 Signature of Child/Ward Date