



Recruitment Script for Youth-Serving Organizations

Hi _____! We are helping colleagues spread the word about a paid research study that you might be interested in. **If you're eligible and want to take part, you'd meet online with a participant advocate or record a short video, then you'd take a survey, use a health app for 3 months and then take 2 more surveys.** Does that sound interesting to you?

Great! The study is to test a mobile phone app that is for Black/African American guys. **You would be asked to take 3 surveys over 6 months and use an app, either one about healthy relationships or one about health in general.**

The app is made by dfusion, a business that makes public health programs, and the surveys are developed by ETR, a health education and research organization. The study is funded by the government through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

The survey will ask you about your background, how old you are and how you identify. It also asks about health and sexual health and behaviors. **You can skip questions that you don't feel comfortable answering.** Then you'll get a link to download an app. It's 50/50 whether you'll get the app about healthy relationships or the app about general health. You'll be asked to use the app for three months. You'll take a survey three months after you take the first survey, and a follow-up survey three months after that. You will get gift cards for taking all the surveys! You'll get \$20 for the first survey; \$40 for the second one, and \$60 for the final survey. The gift cards are emailed to you. The surveys are about 30 minutes long.

Taking the surveys and using the app are your choice. You don't need anyone else's permission to join, including your parents'.

It's completely your choice if you want to participate in the study. If you don't want to, that's okay. I won't be upset – I just wanted to share the opportunity in case it sounds interesting to you. You can still come to this organization even if you don't take part in the study.

To join the study, you can go to www.3Tstudy.org. If you have questions about the surveys or the app you can call or text Chris Walker at 831-331-0715 or email him at Chris.walker@etr.org.

* Key points when recruiting youth:

- Research study of a phone app
 - Taking part is voluntary
 - Youth start by seeing if they are eligible by filling out a brief online screening survey (less than 5 minutes)
 - Youth who are eligible and assent, will either record a short video or meet with a participant advocate online where the participant will state what the study is about and that they agree to join.
 - If they agree to take part in study, they fill out a 30 min survey and get a \$20.00 gift card
 - It's their choice to join. Youth do not have to get parent consent for this study.
 - Then youth will get one of two apps to use for 3 months (general health or sex and relationships)
 - App that a person gets is determined randomly (people do not get to pick which one they want)
 - 3 months after youth take the first survey they will get another survey. If they fill it out they get \$40.00 gift card.
 - Youth will get one last survey 6 months after using the app. If they fill it out they get \$60.00 gift card.
- Once they join, they can invite up to 3 friends too. Youth get a \$15 gift card for up to three friends who are eligible and think about joining.

